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*The Hermetick*  
**ROMANCE, &c.**

*The First Book.*

*The First Day.*

**O**N an Evening before Easter-  
 Day, I sat at a Table, and  
 having (as my Custom was)  
 in my humble Prayer sufficiently con-  
 versed with my Creator, and consider-  
 ed many great Mysteries (whereof  
 the Father of Lights his Majesty had  
 shewn me not a few) and being now  
 ready to prepare in my Heart, toge-  
 ther with my dear *Paschal Lamb*, a  
 small unleavened, undefiled Cake: All  
 on a sudden ariseth so horrible a Tem-  
 pest, that I imagined no other but  
 that through its mighty force, the Hill  
 whereon my little House was founded,  
 would fly in pieces. But in as much  
 as this, and the like from the Devil  
 (who had done me many a spight) was  
 no new thing to me, I took courage,

and persisted in my Meditation, till  
 some body (after an unusual manner,  
 touched me on the Back; whereupon  
 I was so hugely terrified, that I durst  
 hardly look about me; yet I shewed  
 my self as cheerful as (in the like Oc-  
 currences) humane frailty would per-  
 mit; Now the same thing still twich-  
 ing me several times by the Coat, I  
 looked back, and behold it was a fair  
 and glorious Lady, whose Garments  
 were all Skye-colour, and curiously (like  
 Heaven) bespangled with golden Stars,  
 in her right Hand she bare a Trumpet  
 of beaten Gold, whereon a Name was  
 ingraven (which I could well read in)  
 but am as yet forbidden to reveal it.  
 In her left Hand she had a great bundle  
 of Letters of all Languages, which she  
 (as I afterwards understood) was to  
 carry into all Countries. She had also  
 large and beautiful Wings, full of Eyes  
 throughout, wherewith she could mount  
 aloft, and flye swifter than any Eagle. I  
 might perhaps been able to take fur-  
 ther notice of her, but because she  
 staid so small a time with me, and  
 her fear and amazement still possessed  
 me, I was fain to be content. For as  
 soon

Præconissa  
 Lady Q is of a  
 skye-colour,

(3)  
soon as I turned about, she turned her Letters over and over, and at length drew out a small one, which with great Reverence she laid down upon the Table, and without giving one word, departed from me. But in her mounting upward, she gave so mighty a blast on her gallant Trumpet, that the whole Hill echoed thereof, and for a full quarter of a hour after, I could hardly hear my own Words.



In so unlooked for an adventure I was at a loss, how either to advise, or assist my poor self, and therefore fell upon my Knees, and besought my Creator to permit nothing contrary to my Eternal Happiness to befall me; whereupon with fear and trembling, I went to the Letter, which was now so heavy, as had it been meer Gold, it could hardly have been so weighty. Now as I was diligently viewing it, I found a little Seal, whereupon, a curious Cross with this Inscription, *IN HOC SIGNO* & *VINCES*, was ingraven.

*The Letter was  
Heavenly &c.  
Epistola hadas  
or cross on y-  
leter or mator  
signum*

Now as soon as I espied this Sign I was the more comforted, as not being ignorant that such a Seal was little acceptable, and much less useful to the

*Nota bene*

Note well. Devil. Whereupon I tenderly opened the Letter, and within it, in an Azure Field, in Golden Letters, found the following Verles written.



This day, this day, this, this  
The Royal Wedding is.  
Art thou thereto by Birth inclin'd,  
And unto joy of God design'd,  
Then mayst thou to the Mountain tend,  
Whereon three stately Temples stand,  
And there see all from end to end.  
Keep watch, and ward,  
Thyself regard;  
Unless with diligence thou bathe,  
The Wedding can't thee harmless save:  
He'll damme have that here delays;  
Let him beware, too light that weighs.  
Underneath stood Sponsus and Sponsa.

As soon as I had read this Letter, I was presently like to have fainted away, all my Hair stood an end, and a cold Sweat trickled down my whole Body. For although I well perceived that this was the appointed Wedding, whereof seven Years before I was acquainted in a bodily Vision, and which now so long time I had with great earnest-

n:B: De Nuptijs.

earnestness attended, and which lastly, by the account and calculation of the *Plumes*, I had most diligently observed, I found so to be, yet could I never fore-see that it must happen under so grievous and perilous conditions. For whereas I before imagined that to be a well-come, and acceptable Guest, I needed only be ready to appear at the Wedding: I was now directed to Divine Providence, of which until this time I was never certain. I also found by my self, the more I examined my self, that in my Head there was nothing but gross mis-understanding, and blindness in mysterious things, so that I was not able to comprehend even those things which lay under my Feet, and which I daily conversed with, much less that I should be born to the searching out, and understanding of the Secrets of Nature: since in my opinion Nature might every where find a more *vertuous* Disciple, to whom to intrust her precious, though temporary, and changeable Treasures. I found also that my bodily behaviour, and outward good Conversation, and *Brotherly Love* toward my Neighbour, was

Requisita in  
hospitibus  
Secundum 7.  
Pondera.

1.  
Electio in-  
certa.

2.  
Inscitia te-  
poraria Car-  
itas mentis

3.  
4.  
Natura Se-  
creta.

5.  
6.

Mandana  
affectio.

etiam non nominat. A 4. etiam non nominat.

not duly purged and cleansed; Moreover the tickling of the Flesh manifested it self, whose affection was bent only to Pomp and Bravery, and Worldly Pride, and not to the good of mankind; And I was always contriving how by this art I might in a short time abundantly increase my profit and advantage, rear up stately Palaces, make my self an everlasting Name in the World, and other the like *Carnal* designs. But the obscure Words concerning the *Three Temples* did particularly afflict me, which I was not able to make out by any after-Speculation, and perhaps should not yet, had they not been wonderfully revealed to me. Thus sticking betwixt Hope and Fear, examining my self again and again, and finding only my own Frailty and *Impotency*, not being in any wise able to succour my self, and exceedingly amazed at the fore-mentioned threatening; at length I betook my self to my usual and most secure course; after I had finished my earnest and most fervent *Prayer*, I laid me down in my Bed, that so perchance my good *Angel* by the Divine permission might appear



pear, and (as it had sometimes *formerly*  
 happened) instruct me in this doubt-  
 ful affair, which to the praise of God,  
 my own good, and my Neighbours  
 faithful and hearty warning and re-  
 mendment did now likewise fall out.  
 For I was yet scarce fallen asleep, when  
 me-thought, I, together with a *numbe-  
 less multitude* of men lay fettered with  
 great Chains in a *dark Dungeon*, where  
 in without the least glimpse of Light,  
 we swarmed like Bees one over ano-  
 ther, and thus rendred each others  
 affliction more grievous. But although  
 neither I, nor any of the rest could see  
 one jot; yet I continually heard one  
 heaving himself *above* the other, when  
 his Chains or Fetters were become ever  
 so little lighter, though none of us  
 had much reason to shove up the o-  
 ther, since we were all *Captive Wretches*.  
 Now as I with the rest had continued  
 a good while in this affliction, and each  
 was still reproaching the other with  
 his *blindness* and *captivity*, at length we  
 heard many *Trumpets* sounding to-  
 gether, and Kettle Drums beating so  
 artificially thereto, that it even re-  
 ved and rejoiced us in our Calamity.

During

visio per-  
sonarum.

Turris Ca-  
pitae.

Illustratio.

Lapis  
Præfidis.Maſſiter  
Cauteris.

During this Noiſe the *cover* of the Dungeon was from above liſted up, and a little *light* let down unto us. Then firſt might truly have been diſcerned the buſtle we kept, for all went peſſe, meſſe, and he who per-chance had too much *heaved* up him-ſelf, was forced down again under the others Feet. In brief, each one ſtrove to be *uppermoſt*, neither did I my ſelf linger, but with my weighty Fetters ſlipped up from under the reſt, and then heaved my ſelf upon a *Stone*, which I laid hold of; howbeit, I was ſeveral times caught at by others, from whom yet as well as I might, with Hands and Feet I ſtill guarded my ſelf. For we imagined no other but that we ſhould all be ſet at *Liberty*, which yet fell out quite otherwiſe. For after the Nobles, who looked upon us from above through the Hole, had a while recreated themſelves with this our ſtrugling and lamenting, a certain *hoary-headed Ancient* Man called to us to be quiet, and having ſcarce obtained it, began (as I ſtill remember) thus to ſay on.

If

If wretched Mankind would forbear  
Themselves so to uphold,

Then sure on them much good confer,

My righteous Mother would:

But since the same will not insue,

They must in Care and Sorrow rue,

And still in Prison lie.

Howbeit, my dear Mother will

Their Follies ever see,

Her choicest Goods permitting still

Too much in th<sup>r</sup> Light to be.

Though very rarely it may seem

That they may still keep some Esteem,

Which else would pass for Forgery.

Wherefore in honour of the Feast

We this day solemnize,

That so her Grace may be increas'd,

A good deed she'l devise.

For now a Cord shall be let down,

And whoso'er can hang thereon,

Shall freely be releas'd.

He had scarce done speaking, when

an Antient Matron commanded her Ser-

vants to let down the Cord seven times

into the Dungeon, and draw up who-

soever could hang upon it. Good God!

that I could sufficiently describe the

hurry

Vide S.  
Bernhard.  
Serm. 2. de  
Fragmentis.

Magistra  
restis.  
Septies.

hurry and disquiet that then arose amongst us ; For every one strove to get to the Cord, and yet only hindred each other. But after seven Minutes a sign was given by a little Bell, whereupon at the *first Pull* the Servants drew up *four*. At that time I could not come near the Cord by much, having (as is before-mentioned) to my huge mis-fortune, betaken my self to a *Stone* at the Wall of the *Dungeon*, and thereby was disabled to get to the Cord which descended in the middle. The Cord was let down the second time, but divers, because their Chains were too *heavy*, and their Hands too *tender*, could not keep their hold on the Cord, but with themselves beat down *many another*, who else perhaps might have held fast enough ; Nay, many an one was forcibly *pulled* off by another, who yet could not himself get at it ; so mutually *envious* were we even in this our great misery. But they of all others most moved my Compassion, whose weight was so *heavy*, that they tore their very hands from their Bodies, and yet could not get up. Thus it came to pass that at these five times  
very

Prima  
vectura.

4

Secunda.

very few were drawn up. For as soon as the sign was given, the Servants were so nimble at the draught, that the most part tumbled one upon another, and the Cord, this time especially, was drawn up very empty. Whereupon the greatest part, and even I my self, despaired of Redemption, and called upon God that he would have pitty on us, and (if possible) deliver us out of this obscurity, who also then heard some of us: For when the Cord came down the sixth time, some of them hung themselves fast upon it; and whilst in the drawing up, the Cord swung from one side to the other, it (perhaps by the will of God) came to me, which I suddainly catching, got uppermost above all the rest, and so at length beyond hope came out; whereat I exceedingly rejoyced, so that I perceived not the Wound, which in the drawing up I received on my Head by a sharp Stone, till I with the rest who were released (as was always before done) was faine to help at the seventh and last pull, at which time through straining, the Blood ran down all over my Cloathes, which I nevertheless for joy regarded not.

Now

Seria.

Vulnus ex-  
turro Caci-  
tatis

Septima.

Magister  
Giles.

Now when the last draught whereon  
the most of all hung, was finished;  
The Matron caused the Cord to be laid  
away, and willed her aged Son (at  
which I much wondered) to declare her  
Resolution to the rest of the Prisoners;  
who after he had a little bethought him-  
self spoke, thus unto them.

To Children dear

All present here,

What is but now compleat and done,  
Was long before resolved on:

What e'r my Mother of great Grace

To each on both sides here hath shown,

May never Discontent mis-place;

The joyfull time is drawing on,

When everyone shall equal be,

None Weakly, none in Penury.

Who e'r receiveth great Commands

Shall work enough to fill his Hands.

Who e'r with much hath trusted been,

'Tis well if he may save his Skin.

Wherefore your Lamentations cease,

What is't to wait for some few days;

As soon as he had finished these  
Words, the Cover was again put to  
and locked down, and the Trumpets  
and

and Kettle-Drums began afresh, yet could not the noise thereof be so loud, but that the bitter Lamentation of the Prisoners which arose in the Dungeon was heard above all, which soon also caused my Eyes to *run-over*. Presently after the Antient Matron, together with her Son sat down upon seats before prepared, and commanded the *Redeemed* should be told. Now as soon as she understood the number, and had written it down in a Gold-yellow Tablet, she demanded every ones Name, which were also written down by a little page; having viewed us all, one after another, she sighed, and spoke to her Son, so as I could well hear her, " Ah how hartily am I grieved for the " poor Men in the Dungeon! I would " to God I durst release them all, whereunto her Son replied; " It is " Mother thus ordained of God, against " whom we may not contend. In case " we all of us were Lords, and possessed " all the Goods upon Earth, and were " seated at Table, who would there " then be to be bring up the Service? whereupon his Mother held her peace, but soon after she said; " Well, how-  
ever

Magistra  
recenset  
vobis.

Secretaria

Cur non  
omnes eratis

Gratitudo  
Auctoris &  
recti.

Nummus  
Aureus.

Deus Lux  
Solis vel  
Deo laus  
Temp.  
Mandatum  
Taciturn  
Sua

“ever, let these be freed from their  
“Fetters; which was likewise presently  
done, and I, except a few was the last;  
yet could I not refrain, but (though I  
still looked upon the rest, bowed my  
self before the Antient Matron, and  
thanked God that through her, had  
graciously and fatherly vouchsafed to  
bring me out of such Darkness into the  
Light: After me the rest did likewise,  
to the satisfaction of the Matron. Last-  
ly, to every one was given a piece of  
Gold for a Remembrance, and to spend  
by the way, on the one side whereof  
was stamped the rising Sun, on the  
other (as I remember) these three Let-  
ters, D L S, And therewith every  
one had License to depart, and was  
sent to his own Business with this annex-  
ed Intimation, *That VVe to the Glory of  
God should benefit our Neighbours, and  
reserve in silence what we had been intrusted  
with,* which we also promised to do,  
and so departed one from another;  
But in regard of the Wounds which  
the Fetters had caused me, I could not  
well go forward, but halted on both  
Feet, which the Matron presently  
espying, laughing at it, and calling me



me again to her said thus to me, My Son, let not this defect afflict thee, but call to mind thy *Infirmities*, and therewith thank God who hath permitted thee even in this World, and in the state of thy imperfection to come into so high a light, and keep these wounds for my sake. Whereupon the Trumpets began again to sound, which so affrighted me that I awoke, and then first perceived that it was onely a *Dream*, which yet was so strongly impressed upon my imagination, that I was still perpetually troubled about it, and me thought I was yet sensible of the wounds on my Feet. Howbeit, by all these things I well understood that God had vouchsafed that I should be present at this *mysterious and hidden Wedding*; wherefore with child-like confidence I returned thanks to his Divine Majesty, & besought him, that he would further preserve me in his fear, that he would daily fill my Heart with Wisdom and Understanding, and at length graciously (without my desert) conduct me to the desired end. Hereupon I prepared my self for the way, put on my white linnen Coat, girded my Loyns, with a *Blood-red Ribbon* with a blood bound cross-ways over my Shoulder: *Red Ribbon*

Discessus Ag-  
toria.Vulnus ex  
compedibus.Expergetia  
Chia.

Solatium.

Precatio.

Præparatio  
ad iter.

4 Red- In my Hat I stuck *four red Roses*, that I  
 R *oses*. might the sooner by this Token be taken  
 bread *and* notice of amongst the throng. For food  
 V, viz *43* I took *Bread, Salt, and Water*, which by  
 princip- the counsel of an understanding person  
 Les I had at certain times used, not without  
 profit, in the like occurrences. But  
 before I parted from my *Cottage*, I  
 first in this my dress, and wedding Gar-  
 ment, fell down upon my *Knees*, and  
 besought *God*, that in case such a thing  
 were, he would vouchsafe me a good  
 issue. And thereupon in the presence  
 of *God* I made a vow, that if any thing  
 through his grace should be revealed un-  
 to me, I would employ it neither to my  
 own honour nor authority in the World,  
 but to the spreading of his *Name*, and  
 the service of my *Neighbour*. And with  
 this vow and good hope I departed out  
 of my *Cell* with joy.

Votum.

The

*The Second Day.*

**I** was hardly got out of my Cell into  
 a *Forrest*, when me thought that the  
 whole *Heaven* and all the Elements had  
 already trimmed themselves against  
 this *Wedding*. For even the Birds in  
 my opinion chanted more pleasantly  
 then before, and the young Fawns skip-  
 ped so merrily, that they rejoyced my old  
 Heart, and moved me to sing: where-  
 fore with a loud Voice I thus began:

*Tripodium  
 Creatura-  
 rum ob-  
 nuptias*

*With mirth thou pretty Bird rejoice,  
 Thy Maker's praise in-banced.  
 Lift up thy shrill and pleasant Voice,  
 Thy God is high advanced.  
 Thy food before he did provide,  
 And gives it in a fitting side,  
 Therewith be thou sufficed,  
 Why should'st thou now unpleasant be,  
 Thy wrath against God venting?  
 That he a little Bird made thee,  
 Thy silly head tormenting?  
 Because he made thee not a Man,  
 O peace, he hath well thought thereon.  
 Therewith be thou sufficed.*

What is't I'd have poor earthly worm,  
 By God (as 'twere) inditing,  
 That I should thus 'gainst Heaven storm  
 To force great arts by fighting?  
 God will out-braved be by none,  
 Who's good for naught, may hence be gone,  
 O man b' herewith sufficed.  
 That he no Cæsar hath thee fram'd,  
 To pine therefore 'tis needless  
 His Name perhaps thou hadst defam'd  
 Whereof he was not heedless.  
 Most clear and bright Gods eyes do shine,  
 He pierces to thy heart within,  
 And cannot be deceived.

Per Sylvam.

In Campum.

3. Cedri.  
3. Tempia.

This sang I now from the bottom of  
 my Heart throughout the whole Forrest,  
 so that it resounded from all parts, and  
 the Hills repeated my last words, until  
 at length I espyed a curious green  
 Heath, whither I betook my self out of  
 the Forrest. Upon this Heath stood  
 three lovely tall Cedars, which by rea-  
 son of their breadth afforded an extel-  
 lent and desired shade, whereat I great-  
 ly rejoyced; for although I had not hi-  
 therto gone far, yet my earnest longing  
 made me very faint, whereupon I hasted  
 to the Trees to rest a little under them,  
 but

but as soon as I came somewhat nigher, I espyed a *Tablet* fastned to one of them, on which (as afterwards I read) in curious Letters the following words were written :

*Tabletæ Mer-  
curialis.*  
1. ♀

Hospes salve : si quid tibi forsitan de nuptijs *Regis* auditum, Verba hæc perpende. *Quatuor viarum* optionem per nos tibi *Sponsus* offert, per quas omnes, modo non in devias delabaris, ad *Regiam* ejus aulam pervenire possis. Prima brevis est, sed periculosa, et quæ te in varios *scopulos* deducet, ex quibus vix te expedire licebit. Altera *longior*, quæ circumducet te, non abducet, *plana* est et *facilis*, si te *Magnetis* auxilio neque ad dex-

trum, neque finistrum ab-  
 duci patiaris. Tertia vere  
*Regia* est, quæ per varias Re-  
 gis nostri delicias et specta-  
 cula viam tibi reddet jucun-  
 dam. Sed quod vix millesimo  
 hætenus obtigit. Per  
 quartam *nemini hominum* lice-  
 bit ad Regiam pervenire, ut-  
 pote quæ consumens et non  
 nisi corporibus *incorruptibili-*  
*bus* conveniens est. Elige nunc  
 ex tribus quam velis, et in ea  
*constans* permane. Scito au-  
 tem quamcunque ingressus  
 fueris, ab immutabili *fato* tibi  
*ita destinatum*, nec nisi cum  
 maximo vitæ periculo regre-  
 di fas esse. Hæc sunt quæ te  
 scivisse volumus; sed heus  
 cave

cave ignores, quanto cum periculo te huic viæ commiseris, nam si te vel minimi delicti contra Regis nostri leges nosti obnoxium, quæso dum adhuc licet per eandem viam quam accessisti domum te confer quam citissime.

Now as soon as I had read this Writing, all my joy was near vanished again, and I who before Sang merrily, began now inwardly to Lament. For although I saw all the *three ways* before me, and understood that hence forward it was vouchsafed me, to make choice of one of them; yet it troubled me that in case I went the stony and rocky way, I might get a miserable and deadly fall, or taking the long one, I might wander out of it through by-ways, or be otherway's detained in the great Journey. Neither durst I hope, that I amongst thousands should be the very He, who should choose the Royal way. I saw likewise the Fourth before me, but it was so invironed with Fire and

*Via Autoris  
exigenda.*

*3 ways  
Proposed  
a rocky  
way is  
dangerous.  
and a long  
way is  
very  
tiresome.  
There is  
a 4th  
way.*

*Exha-*

*And 4 way Exhalations*, that I durst not (by much) *is in iron* draw near it, and therefore again and *ed with*  $\Delta$  again considered, whether I should re- *and exhal* turn back, or take any of the ways be- *ations.* fore me. I well weighed my own *Dubium.* *un-* *worthiness*, but the Dream still com-  
 comforted me, that I was delivered out of  
 the Tower, and yet I durst not confi-

Confirmatio

Columba  
 Alba arbori  
 Mercuriali  
 insidens.

Corvus Ni-  
 ger.

Veritas Meri-

dently rely upon a Dream; whereup-  
 on I was so variously perplexed, that  
 for very great weariness, hunger and  
 thirst seized me, whereupon I pre-  
 sently drew out my *Bread*, cut a slice of  
 it, which a snow-white *Dove* of whom  
 I was not aware, sitting upon the *Tree*,  
 espied and therewith (perhaps accord-  
 ing to her wonted manner) came down,  
 and betook her self very familiarly to  
 me, to whom I willingly imparted my  
 food, which she received, and so with  
 her prettiness did again a little refresh  
 me. But as soon as her enemy a most  
 black *Raven* perceived it, he streight  
 darted himself down upon the *Dove*,  
 and taking no notice of me, would  
 needs force away the *Dove's* meat, who  
 could no otherwise guard her self but  
 by *flight*; whereupon they both toge-  
 ther flew toward the *South*, at which I  
 was so hugely incensed and grieved,  
 that

that I durst not (by much) draw near it, and therefore again and again considered, whether I should return back, or take any of the ways before me. I well weighed my own un-worthiness, but the Dream still comforted me, that I was delivered out of the Tower, and yet I durst not confidently rely upon a Dream; whereupon I was so variously perplexed, that for very great weariness, hunger and thirst seized me, whereupon I presently drew out my Bread, cut a slice of it, which a snow-white Dove of whom I was not aware, sitting upon the Tree, espied and therewith (perhaps according to her wonted manner) came down, and betook her self very familiarly to me, to whom I willingly imparted my food, which she received, and so with her prettiness did again a little refresh me. But as soon as her enemy a most black Raven perceived it, he streight darted himself down upon the Dove, and taking no notice of me, would needs force away the Dove's meat, who could no otherwise guard her self but by flight; whereupon they both together flew toward the South, at which I was so hugely incensed and grieved, that



that without thinking what I did, I made hast after the filthy Raven, and so against my will ran into *one* of the forementioned ways a whole Fields length; and thus the Raven being chased *away*, and the Dove delivered, I then first observed what I had inconsiderately done, and that I was already entred into a way, from which under peril of great punishment I durst not retire. And though I had still wherewith in some measure to comfort my self, yet that which was worst of all to me, was, that I had *left my Bag and Bread* at the *Tree*, and could never retrieve them: For as soon as I turned my self about, a *contrary* wind was so strong against me, that it was ready to fell me. But if I went forward on my way, I perceived no hinderance at all: From whence I could easily conclude, that it would cost me my life, in case I should set my self against the *Wind*; wherefore I patiently took up my cross, got upon my feet, and resolved, since so it must be, I would use my utmost endeavour to get to my Journeys end before night. Now although many apparent *by-ways* shewed themselves, yet I still proceeded with my *Compass*, and would not budge one

Autor in-  
cidit in 2.  
viam in-  
cogitantem.

Compassus.

step

step from the Meridian Line; howbeit the way was oftentimes so *rugged* and unpassable, that I was in no little doubt of it. On this way I constantly thought upon the *Dove* and *Raven*, and yet could not search out the meaning, until at length upon a high Hill afar off I espied a stately Portal, to which not regarding how far it was distant both from me and the way I was in, I hastened, because the Sun had already *hid* himself under the *Hills*, and I (by far) could elsewhere espy no abiding place, and this verily I ascribe only to God, who might well have permitted me to go forward in this way, and withheld my Eyes that so I might have gazed beside this Gate. To which (as was said) I now made mighty haste, and reached it by so much *Daylight*, as to take a very competent view of it. Now it was an exceeding *Royal beautiful Portal*, whereon were carved a multitude of most *noble Figures* and Devices, every one of which (as I afterwards learned) had its peculiar Signification; Above was fixed a pretty large Tablet, with these Words, *Procul hinc, / procul ite profani*, and other things more, that I was earnestly forbidden to relate. Now as soon as I was come under the Portal, there

Diverforium

Occasus ☉

Tabula inscriptionis.

✶itor.

there streight stepped forth one in a *Sky-coloured* habit, whom I in friendly manner saluted, which though he thankfully returned, yet he instantly demanded of me my Letter of Invitation.

*Litteræ con-  
vocationis.*

O how glad was I that I had then brought it with me! For how easily might I have forgotten it (as it also chanced to others) as he himself told me? I quickly presented it, where-with he was not only Satisfied, but (at which I much wondred) shewed me abundance of respect, saying, Come in my *Brother*, an acceptable Guest you are to me; and withal intreated me not to with-hold my Name from him. Now having replied, that I was a Brother of the *Red-Rosie Cross*, he both wondred, and seemed to rejoyce at it, and then proceeded thus, My Brother have you nothing about you wherewith to purchase a Token? I answered my ability was small, but if he saw any thing about me he had a mind to, it was at his service. Now he having requested of me my *Bottle of Water*, and I granted it, he gives me a *golden Token* qua

*Nomen Au-  
toris.*

*Emittitur a-  
qua Testica.*

whereon stood no more but these two Letters, *S. C.* intreating me that when it stood me in good Head, I would

*Sanctitate  
Constantia  
Sponsus*

remem-

Charus.  
Spec.  
Charitas.

Diploma.

The Castle.

Virgo Lucifera.

The Lady  
Chamberlain or Con-  
troleur.

remember him. After which I asked him, how many were got in before me, which he also told me, and lastly out of meer Friendship gave me a *sealed Letter* to the second Porter. Now having lingered some time with him, the Night grew on: Whereupon a great *Beacon* upon the Gate was immediately fired, that so if any were still upon the way, he might make haste thither. But the way where it finished at the Castle, was on both sides inclosed with *Walls*, and planted with all sorts of excellent Fruit-Trees, and still on every third Tree on each side Lanthorns were hung up, wherein all the Candles were already lighted with a glorious Torch by a *beautiful Virgin*, habited in *Skye-colour*, which was so noble and Majestick a Spectacle, that I yet delayed somewhat longer then was requisite. But at length after sufficient Information, and an advantageous Instruction, I friendly departed from the first Porter. On the way, though I would gladly have known what was written in my Letter, yet since I had no reason to mistrust the Porter, I forbore my purpose, and so went on the way, until I came likewise to the *second Gate*, which

which although it was very *like* the  
 other, yet was it adorned with Images & *Porta*  
*myſtick ſignifications*. In the affixed *Tablet* *Secunda.*  
 ſtood *Dare & dabitur vobis*. Under this *Tabella.*  
 Gate lay a terrible grim *Lyon* chain'd,  
 who as ſoon as he eſpi'd me aroſe & made *Cuſtos Leo.*  
 at me with great roaring: whereupon  
 the ſecond Porter who lay upon a *Stone* *2 Portitor,*  
 of Marble, awaked, and wiſhed me not  
 to be troubled or affrighted, and then  
 drove back the *Lion*, and having re-  
 ceived the Letter which I with trem-  
 bling reached him, he read it, and with  
 very great reſpect ſpake thus to me;  
 Now well-come in Gods Name unto me  
 the man whom of long time I would  
 gladly have ſeen. Mean while he alſo  
 drew out a *token*, and aſked me whe-  
 ther I could purchaſe it? But I having  
 nothing elſe left but my *Salt*, preſented  
 it to him, which he thankfully accep- *Teffera*  
 ted. Upon this token again ſtood on- *empta ſale,*  
 ly two Letters namely, *S. M.* Being *ſtudio*  
 now juſt about to enter diſcourſe with *mercetis Sal*  
 him, it began to ring in the Caſtle, *humor ſpon-*  
 whereupon the Porter counſelled me *ſo mitteretis*  
 to run apace, or elſe all the paines and *Sal mine-*  
 labour I had hitherto taken would ſerve *ralis*  
 to no purpoſe, for the *Lights* above *Sal marmey-*  
 began already to be *extinguiſhed*; where- *alia.*  
 upon

Porta clau-  
ditur.

Pyramides  
Porta.

upon I dispatched with such haste that I heeded not the Porter, in such anguish was I, and truly it was but necessary, for I could not run so fast but that the Virgin, after whom all the lights were put out; was at my heels; and I should never have found the way, had not she with her Torch afforded me some light; I was more-over constrained to enter the very next to her, and the Gate was so suddainly clap't to, that a part of my coat was locked out, which I verily was forced to leave behind me; for neither I, nor they who stood ready without and called at the Gate could prevail with the Porter to open it again, but he delivered the Keys to the Virgin, who took them with her into the Court. Mean time I again surveyed the Gate, which now appeared so rich, as the whole World could not equal it; just by the Door were two Columns, on one of them stood a pleasant Figure with this Inscription, *Congratur*. The other having its Countenance veiled was sad, and beneath was written, *Candoleo*. In brief, the Inscriptions and Figures thereon, were so dark and mysterious, that the most dextrous man upon Earth could

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could not have expounded them. But all these (if God permit) I shall e'er long publish and explain. Under this Gate I was again to give my Name, which was this last time written down in a little Vellum-Book, and immediately with the rest dispatched to the Lord *Bridegroom*. Here it was where I first received the *true* Guest-token, which was somewhat less than the former, but yet much heavier, upon this stood these Letters *S. P. N.* Besides this, a new pair of Shoes were given me, for the Floor of the Castle was laid with pure shining Marble; my *old Shoes* I was to give away to one of the Poor (whom I would) who sat in throngs, howbeit in very good order, under the Gate. I then bestowed them on an old man: after which two Pages with as many Torches, conducted me into a little Room; there they willed me to sit down on a Form, which I did, but they sticking their Torches in two holes, made in the Pavement, departed and left me thus sitting alone. Soon after I heard a noise, but saw nothing, and it proved to be certain men who stumbled in upon me; but since I could

Promissam  
Autoris.

Salus per  
Naturam.  
Sponsi prae-  
sentandus  
Nuptijs.

• Com-  
par.

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Balneatores.

Capillus  
decoloratus af-  
servatus.

Pueri bini.

See nothing, I was fain to suffer, and attend what they would do with me ; but presently perceiving them to be *Barbers*, I intreated them not to juggle me so, for I was content to do whatever they desired, whereupon they quickly let me go, and so one of them (whom I could not yet see) fine and gently cut away the *Hair* round about from the *Crown of my Head*, but on my Fore-head, Ears and Eyes he permitted my *Ice-grey Locks* to hang. In this first encounter (I must confess) I was ready to despair, for inasmuch as some of them shov'd me so forceably, and I could yet see nothing, I could think no other but that God for my *Curiosity* had suffered me to miscarry. Now these invisible *Barbers* carefully gathered up the *Hair* which was cut off, and carried it away with them. After which the *two Pages* entred again, and heartily laughed at me for being so terrified. But they had scarce spoken a few Words with me, when again a little Bell began to ring ; which (as the Pages informed me) was to give notice for assembling ; whereupon they willed me to rise, and through many Walks, Doors and winding



ing Stairs lighted me into a spacious *Hall*. In this Room was a great multitude of guests, Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Lords, Noble and Ignoble, Rich, and Poor, and all sorts of People, at which I hugely marvelled, and thought to my self, ah, how gross a fool hast thou been to ingage upon this Journey with so much bitterness and toil, when (behold) here are even those fellows whom thou well know'st, and yet hadst never any reason to *esteem*. They are now all *here*, and thou with all thy Prayers and Supplications art hardly got in at last. This and more the Devil at that time injected, whom I notwithstanding (as well as I could) directed to the issue. Mean time one or other of my acquaintance here and there spake to me: Oh Brother *Rosencreutz*! art thou here too; yea, (my Brethren) replied I, the *Grace* of God hath helped me in also; at which they raised a mighty laughter, looking upon it as ridiculous that there should be need of *God* in so slight an occasion. Now having demanded each of them concerning his way, and found that most were forced to clamber over

Trichiniam.

Impietas  
hospitum  
non recta  
via ingres-  
sorum.

the *Rocks*, certain Trumpets (none of which we yet saw) began to sound to the Table, whereupon they all seated themselves, every one as he judged himself above the rest; so that for me and some *other sorry* Fellows there was hardly a *little Nook* left at the lowermost Table. Presently the two Pages entred, and one of them said Grace in so handsom and excellent a manner, as rejoyced the very Heart in my Body. Howbeit, certain great Sr *John's* made but little reckoning of them, but flieid and winked one at another, biting their Lips within their Hats, and using more the like unseemly Gestures. After this Meat was brought in, and albeit none could *be seen*, yet every thing was so orderly managed, that it seemed to me as if every Guest had had his proper Attendant. Now my Artists having somewhat recruited themselves, and the Wine having a little removed shame from their Hearts, they presently began to vaunt and brag of their *Abilities*: One would prove this, another that, and commonly the most *sorry Idiots* made the loudest noise. Ah, when I call to mind what *preternatural* and

Quidam  
preces neg-  
ligunt.

Commissa-  
rio.

Ministri  
invisibiles.

Inebriato-  
rum gloria-  
tio Vana.

and impossible enterprises I then heard, I am still ready to vomit at it. In fine, they never kept in their order, but when ever one Rascal here, another there, could insinuate himself in between the *Nobles*; Then pretended they the finishing of such *Adventures* as neither *Sampson*, nor yet *Hercules* with all their strength could ever have achieved: This would discharge *Atlas* of his burden; The other would again draw forth the three-headed *Cerberus* out of Hell. In brief, every man had his own Prate, and yet the great *Lords* were so simple that they believed their pretences, and the Rogues so audacious, that although one or other of them was here and there rapped over the Fingers with a Knife, yet they flinched not at it, but when any one perchance had filched a Gold-Chain, then would all hazard for the like. I saw one who heard the rustling of the Heavens: The second could see *Plato's* Ideas: A third could number *Democritus's* Atoms. There were also not a few pretenders to the perpetual motion. Many an one (in my opinion) had good understanding, but assumed too much to him-

Modestia in-  
visibiles.

Modestia  
Probrium  
hospitum.

himself, to his own destruction. Last-ly, there was one also who would needs out of hand perswade us that he saw the *Servitors* who attended, and would still have pursued his Con-  
tention, had not one of those invilible waiters reached him so handsem a cuff upon his lying Muzzle, that not only he, but many who were by him, be-  
came as mute as Mice. But it best of all pleased me, that all those, of whom I had any *esteem*, were very quiet in their business, and made no loud cry of it, but acknowledged themselves to be *mis-understanding* men, to whom the mysteries of Nature were too high, and they themselves much too small. In this Tumult I had almost cursed the day wherein I came hither ; For I could not but with anguish behold that those lewd vain People were above at the Board, but I in so *sorry* a place could not, how-  
ever rest in quiet, one of these Rascals scornfully reproaching me for a motly Fool. Now I thought not that there was yet one Gate *behind*, through which we must pass, but imagined I was du-  
ring the whole Wedding, to continue in this scorn, contempt and indignity, which

which yet I had at no time deserved, either of the Lord Bride-groom or the Bride; And therefore (in my opinion) he should have done well to have sought out some other Fool to his Wedding than me. Behold, to such *impatience* doth the Iniquity of this World reduce simple hearts. But this really was one part of my *Lameness*, whereof (as is before mentioned) I dreamed. And truly this clamour the longer it lasted, the more it increased. For there were already those who boasted of false and imaginary *Visions*, and would persuade us of palpably lying Dreams. Now there sat by me a very fine *quiet Man*, who oftentimes discoursed of excellent matters, at length he said, *Behold my Brother, if any one should now come who were willing to instruct these blockish People in the right way, would he be heard? No, verily, replied I. The world, said he, is now resolved (what-ever comes on it) to be cheated, and cannot abide to give Ear to those who intend its good. Seest thou also that same Cock-Comb, with what whimsical Figures and foolish Conceits he allures others to him. There one makes Monthes at the People with*

*Impatien-  
tia ex in-  
iquitate ho-  
minum.*

*Assessor mo-  
destus.*

*Mundus  
vult decipi.*

unheard-of Mysterious Words. Yet believe me in this, the time is now coming when those shameful Vizards shall be plucked off, and all the World shall know what Vagabond Imposters were concealed behind them. Then perhaps that will be valued which at present is not esteemed. Whilst he was thus speaking, and the clamour the longer it lasted, the worse it was, all on a suddain there began in the Hall such excellent and stately *Musick*, as all the days of my Life I never heard the like; whereupon every one held his peace, and attended what would become of it: Now there were in this Musick all sorts of *stringed* Instruments imaginable, which sounded together in such harmony, that I forgot my self, and sat so unmovably, that those who sat by me were amazed at me, and this lasted near half an hour, wherein none of us spake one word, For as soon as ever any one was about to open his Mouth, he got an unexpected blow, neither knew he from whence it came: Me thought since we were not permitted to see the Musicians, I should have been glad to view only all the Instruments they made use of.

Musica.

Musica, non  
attendantium.

of. After half an hour this Musick  
*ceased* unexpectedly, and we could nei-  
 ther see *nor* hear any thing further.  
 Presently after, before the Door of  
 the Hall began a great *noise* found-  
 ing and beating of *Trumpets*, Shalms  
 and Kettle-Drums, also Master-like,  
 as if the Emperor of *Rome* had been  
 entring: whereupon the Door open-  
 ed of it self, and then the noise of the  
 Trumpets was so loud, that we were  
 hardly able to indure it. Mean while  
 (to my thinking) many thousand *small*  
*Tapers*) came into the Hall, all which  
 of themselves marched in so very exact  
 an order as altogether amazed us, till  
 at last the two fore-mentioned Pages  
 with bright Torches, lighting in a  
 most beautiful *Virgin*, all drawn on a  
 gloriously gilded Triumphant Self-  
 moving Throne, entred the Hall. It  
 seemed to me she was the very same  
 who before on the way kindled, and  
 put out the Lights, and that these her  
 Attendants were the very same whom  
 she formerly placed at the Trees. She  
 was not now as before in Skye-colour,  
 but arrayed in a *snow-white* glittering  
 Robe, which sparkled of pure Gold,

*Paculæ ad  
 lectum.*

*virgo Luci-  
 fera.  
 The Lady  
 Chamber-  
 lain or Con-  
 trolour.*

*Albedo.*

and cast such a lustre that we durst not  
steadily behold it. Both the Pages  
were after the same manner habited  
(albeit somewhat more slightly; as  
soon as they were come into the middle  
of the Hall, & were descended from the  
Throne, all the small Tapers made obeis-  
sance before her: Whereupon we all  
stood up from our Benches, yet every  
one staid in his own place. Now she  
having to us, and we again to her, shew-  
ed all Respect and Reverence; in a most  
pleasant Tone she began thus to speak;

*Saturatoria  
dol. item.*

*The King & y<sup>e</sup> Lord most gracious,  
Who now's not very far from us.*

*As also his most lovely Bride,  
To him in troth and honour t'ied;  
Already, with great joy indu'd,  
Have your arrival hither view'd:*

*And do to every one, and all  
Promise their Grace in special;  
And from their very Hearts desire,  
You may it at the time acquire;  
That so their future Nuptial joy  
May mixed be with none's annoy.*

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Hereupon with all her small Tapers she again courteously bowed, and presently after began thus:

In th' Invitation writ, you know.

Proposio  
Actionis.

That no man called was hereto

Who of God's rarest gifts good store

Had not received long before,

Adorned with all requisite's,

As in such cases it befits.

How though they cannot well conceit

That any man's so desperate,

Under conditions so hard,

Here to intrude without regard;

Unles he have been first of all,

Prepared for this Nuptial;

And therefore in good hopes do dwell

That with all you it will be well:

Yet men are grown so bold, and rude,

Not weighing their ineptitude,

As still to thrust themselves in place;

Whereto none of them called was:

No Cocks-comb here himself may sell,

No Rascal in with others steal;

For they resolve without all let

A Wedding pure to celebrate.

So then the Artists for to weigh,

Scales shall be fix'd th' ensuing day;

Probatio  
artificum.

Whereby

Whereby each one may lightly find  
 What he hath left at home behind.  
 If here be any of that Rout  
 Who have good cause themselves to doubt,  
 Let him pack quickly hence aside ;  
 For that in case be longer bide,  
 Of grace forelor'n, and quite undone  
 Betimes he must the Gantlet run :  
 If any now his Conscience gail,  
 He shall to night be left in th' Hall  
 And be again releas't by morn,  
 Yet so he hither ne'er return.  
 If any man have confidence,  
 He with his waiter may go hence,  
 Who shall him to his Chamber light  
 Where he may rest in peace to night ;  
 And there with praise awaite the Scale  
 Or else his Sleep may chance to faile.  
 The others here may take it well,  
 For who aim's 'bove what's possible,  
 'Twere better much he hence had past,  
 But of you all we'l hope the best.

As soon as she had done speaking  
 this, she again made reverence, and  
 sprung chearfully into her Throne, af-  
 ter which the Trumpets began again  
 to sound, which yet was not of force to  
 take from many their grievous Sighs.

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So they again conducted her invisibly away, but the most part of the small *Tapers* remained in the Room, and still one of them accompanied each of us. In such perturbation 'tis not well possible to express what pensive Thoughts and Gestures were amongst us. Yet the most part resolved to await the Scale, and in case things sorted not well, to depart (as they hoped) in peace. I had soon cast up my *reckoning*, Author humili-  
liat C. and being my Conscience convinced me of all ignorance, and *unworthiness*, I purposed to stay with the rest in the Hall, and chose much rather to content my self with the Meal I had already taken, than to run the Risk of a *future repulse*. Now after that every one by his small Taper had severally been conducted into a Chamber (each as I since understood into a peculiar one) There staid *nine* of us, and amongst the rest he also, who *discoursed* with me before at the Table. But although our small Tapers left us not, yet soon after within an hours time one of the fore-mentioned Pages came in, and bringing a great bundle of *Cords* with him, first demanded of us whether

Pernoclatio  
tristis.

Somnium  
Typicum.

What will  
be the issue  
of the pro-

ther we had concluded to stay there, which when we had with Sighs affirmed, he *bound* each of us in a several place, and so went away with our small Tapers, and left us poor Wretches in *Darkness*. Then first began some to perceive the imminent danger, and I my self could not refrain Tears. For although we were not forbidden to speak, yet *anguish* and *affliction* suffered none of us to utter one word. For the Cords were so wonderfully made, yet none could cut them, muchless get them off his Feet: yet this comforted me, that still the future gain, of many an one, who had now betaken himself to rest, would prove very little to his satisfaction. But we by one only Nights Penance might expiate all our presumption: till at length in my sorrowful thoughts I fell asleep; during which I had a *Dream*; Now although there be no great matter in it, yet I esteem it not impertinent to recount it: Me thought I was upon an *high Mountain*, and saw before me a great & large Valley, in this Valley were gathered together an unspeakable *multitude* of People, each of which had at his Head

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Head a *Thread*, by which he was hang-<sup>batory beams</sup>  
 ed up towards Heaven, now one hang<sup>tie that</sup>  
 high, another low, some stood even<sup>climbs high</sup>  
 quite upon the Earth. But in the Air<sup>both a great</sup>  
 there flew up and down an *ancient* Man,  
 who had in his hand a pair of Shoers,  
 wherewith here he *cut* one's, and  
 there another's thread. Now he that  
 was nigh the Earth was so much the  
 readier, & fall without noise, but when  
 it happened to one of the *high* ones, he  
 fell, so that the Earth quaked. To  
 some it came to pass that their Thread  
 was so stretched, that they came to the  
 Earth before the *Thread* was cut. I  
 took pleasure in this tumbling, and it  
 joyed me at the Heart, when he who  
 had *over-exalted* himself in the Air, of  
 his Wedding, got so shameful a fall,  
 that it carried even some of his Neigh-  
 bours along with him. In like manner it  
 also rejoiced me, that he who had all this  
 while kept himself *near the Earth*, could  
 come down so fine and gently, that  
 even his next men perceived it not.  
 But being now in my highest fit of Jol-  
 lity, I was unawares jogged by one of  
 my fellow Captives, upon which I <sup>Esperges.</sup>  
 was awaked, and was very much dis-  
 contented,

contented with him; Howbeit, I considered my Dream, and recounted it to my Brother, who lay by me on the other side; who was not dissatisfied with it, but hoped some Comfort might thereby be pretended. In such discourse we spent the remaining part of the Night, and with longing expected the Day.

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*The Third Day.*

**N**OW as soon as the lovely day was broken, and the *bright Sun*, having raised himself above the Hills, had again betaken himself, in the high Heaven, to his appointed office; My good Champions began to rise out of their Beds, and leisurely to make themselves ready unto the Inquisition. Whereupon, one after another, they came again into the Hall, and giving us a good morrow, demanded how we had Slept to Night; and having espied our Bonds, there were some that reproved us for being so cowardly, and that we had not (much rather) as they,

Colloquium  
surgentium.

*hazarded*

*hazarded upon* all adventures. Howbeit, some of them whose Hearts still smote them made no loud cry of the business. We excused our selves with our *ignorance*, hoping we should now soon be set at Liberty, and learn wit by this disgrace? that they on the contrary had not yet altogether escaped, & perhaps their greatest *danger* was still to be expected: At length each one being again assembled, the *Trumpets* began now again to sound & the Kettle Drums to beat as formerly, and we then imagined no other but that the Bride-groom was ready to present himself; which nevertheless was a huge mistake. For it was again the *yesterday's Virgin* who had arrayed her self all in *red Velvet*, and girded her self with a *white Scarfe*. Upon her Head she had a *green Wreath* of Laurel, which hugely became her. Her train was now no more of *small Tapers*, but consisted of two hundred Men in *Harnis*, who were all (like her) cloathed in *red* and *white*. Now as soon as they were alighted from the Throne, she comes streight to us Prisoners, and after she had Saluted us, she said in few words; That some of  
you

CANTUS.

Virgo Lucifera.  
The Lady Chamberlain or Countess.

you have been sensible of your wretched condition is hugely pleasing to my most mighty Lord, and he is also resolved you shall fare the better for it ; And having espied me in my Habit, she laughed and spake, good lack ! hast thou *also* submitted thy self to the Yoke, I imagined thou wouldst have made thy self very smug ; with which Words she caused my Eyes to run over. After which she commanded we should be unbound, and cuppled together and placed in a station where we might well behold the Scales. For, said she, it may yet fare better with them, than with the Presumptuous, who yet stands here at Liberty. Mean time the Scales which were intirely of *Gold* were hung up in the midst of the Hall ; There was also a little Table covered with red *Velvet*, and *seven weights* placed thereon. First of all stood a pretty great one, next four little ones ; lastly, two great ones severally ; And these Weights in proportion to their bulk were so heavy, that no man can believe or comprehend it : But each of the *Harnised men* had together with a naked Sword a *strong rope* ; These she distributed according

Solatus  
humiles.

Libra au-  
rea.

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Satellites.

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to the number of Weights into seven bands, and out of every band chose one for their proper weight; and then again sprung up into her high Throne. Now as soon as she had made her reverence, with a very Shrill Tone she began thus to speak:

*Who into a Painters room does go  
And nothing does of painting know,  
Yet does in prating thereof, pride it;  
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*Who into th' Artists order goes,  
And therunto was never chose;  
Yet with pretence of skill does pride it;  
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*Who at a Wedding does appear,  
And yet was never intended there;  
Yet does in coming highly pride it;  
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*Who now into this Scale ascends,  
The weight's not proving his fast Friends,  
And that it bounces so does ride it;  
Shall be of all the World derided.*

As soon as the Virgin had done speaking, one of the Pages commanded each one to place himself according to his order, and one after another to step in: which one of the Emperors

Ponderance  
the Artificer  
cas.

Cas.

made no scruple of, but first of all  
 bowed himself a little towards the  
 Virgin, and afterwards in all his state-  
 ly Attire went up: where upon each  
 Captain laid in his weight; which (to  
 the wonder of all) he stood out: But  
 the last was too heavy for him, so that  
 forth he must; and that with such an-  
 guish that (as it seemed to me) the Vir-  
 gin her self had pitty on him, who also  
 beckned to her people to hold their  
 peace, yet was the good Emperor  
 bound and delivered over to the Sixth  
 band. Next him again came forth ano-  
 ther Emperor, who stept hautilly into  
 the Scale, and having a great thick Book  
 under his Gown, he imagined not to  
 fail; But being scarce able to abide the  
 third weight, and being unmercifully  
 flung down, and his Book in that af-  
 frightment slipping from him, all the  
 Soldiers began to laugh, and he was  
 delivered up bound to the third band.  
 Thus it went also with some others of  
 the Emperors, who were all shamefull-  
 ly laughed at and captived. After these  
 comes forth a little short Man with a  
 curld brown Beard an Emperor too,  
 who after the usual reverence got up  
 also

a. Caesar

Paul. c.

1. alij Ce-

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4. Caesar

probatu-

1274

also, and held out so steadfastly, that me thought, had there been more weights ready, he would have outstood them; To whom the Virgin immediately arose, and bowed before him, causing him to put on a Gown of red Velvet, and at last reached him a branch of *Lawrel*, having good store of them upon her Throne, upon the steps whereof she willed him to sit down. Now how, after him it fared with the rest of the Emperors, Kings and Lords, would be too long to recount; but I cannot leave unmentioned that few of those great personages held out. Howbeit sundry eminent vertues (beyond my hopes) were found in many. One could stand out this, the second another, some two, some three, four or five, but few could attain to the just perfection; But every one who failed, was miserably laughed at by the bands. After the Inquisition had also passed over the Gentry, the learned, and unlearned, and the rest, and in each condition perhaps one, it may be, two, but for the most part none, was found perfect, it came at length to those honest Gentlemen the vagabond *Che-*

*Proba falsa  
riorum.*

ters, and rascally *Lapidem Spitalanficum* makers, who were set upon the Scale with such scorn, that I my self for all my grief was ready to burst my Belly with laughing, neither could the very Prisoners themselves refrain. For the most part could not abide that severe trial, but with *Whips* and *Scourges* were jerked out of the Scale, and led to the other Prisoners, yet to a suitable band. Thus of so great a throng so few remained, that I am ashamed to discover their number. Howbeit there were Persons of quality also amongst them, who notwithstanding were (like the rest) honoured with *Velvet Robes* and wreaths of *Law-rel*.

Notales in-  
hilominus  
ornantur.

The Inquisition being compleatly finished, and none but we poor coupled hounds standing aside; At length one of the Captains stepped forth, and said, Gracious Madam, if it please your Ladyship let these poor men, who acknowledged their mis-understanding, be set upon the Scale also without their incurring any danger of penalty, and only for recreation's sake, if perchance any thing that is right may be found amongst

Proba Hu-  
milium.

amongst them. In the first place I was in great perplexity, for in my anguish this was my only comfort, that I was not to stand in such ignominy, or to be lashed out of the Scale. For I nothing doubted but that many of the Prisoners wished that they had stay'd ten Nights with us in the Hall. Yet since the Virgin consented, so it must be, and we being untied were one after another set up: Now although the most part miscarried, yet they were neither laught at, nor scourged, but peaceably placed on one side. My Companion was the fifth, who held out bravely, whereupon all, but especially the Captain who made the request for us, applauded him, and the Virgin shewed him the usual respect. After him again two more were dispatched in an instant. But I was the eighth; Now as soon as (with trembling) I stepped up, my Companion who already sat by in his *Velvet*, looked friendly upon me, and the Virgin her self smiled a little. But for as much as I outstayed all the Weights, the Virgin commanded them to draw me up by force, wherefore three *men* moreover hung on

Socius Aut-  
ris.

Aitor 8.

the other side of the Beam, and yet could nothing prevail. Whereupon one of the Pages immediately stood up, and cryed out exceeding loud, *T H A T's H E*: Upon which the other replied; *Then let him gain his Liberty*, which the Virgin accorded; and being received with due Ceremonies, The choice was given me to release one of the Captives, whosoever I pleased; Whereupon I made no long deliberation, but elected the first Emperor whom I had long pittied, who was immediately set free, and with all respect seated amongst us. Now the last being set up, and the Weights proving too heavy for him, in the mean while the Virgin espied my *Rose*, which I had taken out of my Hat into my Hands, and thereupon presently by her Page graciously requested them of me, which I readily sent her. And so this first *Act* was finished about ten in the fore-noon. Whereupon the Trumpets began to sound again, which nevertheless we could not as yet see. Meantime the Bands were to step aside with their Prisoners, and expect the Judgment. After which a Council of the seven

That's he.

Probatissimus.

Liberat  
i. Cæla-  
rem.

Autor rosem  
suam donat  
Virgini.

Hora 10.  
Actus.

seven Captains and us was set, and the business was propounded by the Virgin as President, who desired each one to give his opinion, how the Prisoners were to be dealt with. The first opinion was, That they should all be put to Death, yet one more severely than another: namely those who had presumptuously intruded themselves contrary to the Express conditions; others would have them kept close prisoners. Both which pleased neither the President, nor me. At length by one of the Emperors (the same whom I had freed) my Companion, and my self the affair was brought to this point; That first of all the principal Lords should with a befitting respect be led out of the Castle; others might be carried out somewhat more scornfully. These should be stripped, and caused to run out naked; The fourth with Rods, Whips, or Dogs, should be hunted out. Those who the day before willingly surrendered themselves, might be suffered to depart without any blame. And last of all those Presumptuous ones, and they who behaved themselves so unseemly at Dinner the day before, should be put,

Judicium  
de reprobis.

Votum 1.

Votum 2.

3.

shed in *Body and Life* according to each Mans demerit. This opinion pleased the Virgin well, and obtained the upper hand. There was moreover another Dinner vouchsafed them, which they were soon acquainted with. But the Execution was deferred till twelve at noon, Here with the *Senate* arose, and the *Virgin* also, together with her Attendants returned to her usual quarter. But the uppermost Table in the Room was allotted to us, they requesting us to take it in good part till the Business were fully dispatched. And then we should be conducted to the *Lord Bridegroom* and the *Bride*, with which we were at present well content. Mean time the Prisoners were again brought into the Hall, and each Man seated according to his Quality; they were likewise enjoined to behave themselves somewhat more civilly than they had done the day before, which yet they needed not to have been admonished, for (without this, they had already put up their pipes. And this I can boldly say, not with flattery, but in the love of truth, that commonly those persons who were of the *highest Rank*, best understood how to

Prandium.



to behave themselves in so unexpected  
 a misfortune. Their Treatment was  
 but indifferent, yet with respect, nei-  
 ther could they yet see their *Ascendants*, Ministri  
invisibiles.  
visibiles.  
 but to us they were visible, whereat  
 I was exceeding joyful: Now although  
 Fortune had exalted us, yet we took  
 not upon us more than the rest, advi-  
 sing them to be of good Cheer, the  
 event would not be so ill. Now al-  
 though they would gladly have under-  
 stood the Sentence of us, yet we were  
 so deeply obliged that none durst open  
 his Mouth about it. Nevertheless we  
 comforted them as well as we could,  
 drinking with them to try if the Wine  
 might make them any thing cheerfuller.  
 Our Table was covered with *red Vell*, Prohorum  
Exaltatio.  
 beset with drinking-Cups of pure  
*Silver* and *Gold*; which the rest could  
 not behold without amazement and ve-  
 ry great anguish. But ere we had seated  
 our selves, in came the two Pages,  
 presenting every one, in the *Bride-*  
*groom's* behalf, the *Golden Fleece* with a  
 flying *Lion*, requesting us to wear them Remota  
no a Spes  
 at the Table, and as became us, to  
 observe the Reputation and Dignity of  
 the Order, which his Majesty had now  
 vouch-

vouchsafed us, and should suddenly be ratified with suitable Ceremonies. This we received with profoundest submission, promising obediently to perform whatsoever his Majesty should please. Besides these, the noble Page had a Schedule, wherein we were set down in order. And for my part I should not otherwise be desirous to conceal my place, if perchance it might not be interpreted to Pride in me, which yet is expressly against the *fourth* Weight. Now because our entertainment was exceeding stately, we demanded one of the Pages, whether we might not have leave to send some choice bit to our Friends and Acquaintance, who making no difficulty of it, every one sent plentifully to his acquaintance by the waiters, howbeit they saw none of them; and forasmuch as they knew not whence it came, I was my *self* desirous to carry somewhat to one of them, but as soon as I was risen, one of the Waiters was presently at my Elbow, saying, *He desired me to take friendly warning, for in case one of the Pages had seen it, it would have come to the King's Ear, who would certainly have taken it amiss*

Autori de-  
negatur  
communica-  
tio erga re-  
probos.

miss of me; but since ~~more~~ had observed  
 it but himself, he purposed not to betray me,  
 but that I ought for the time to come to  
 have better regard to the dignity of the  
 order: With which words the Ser-  
 vant did really so astonish me, that for  
 a long time after I scarce moved upon  
 my Seat; yet I returned him Thanks  
 for his faithful warning, as well as in  
 haste and affrightment I was able.  
 Soon after the Drums began to beat  
 again, to which we were already ac-  
 customed: For we well knew it was  
 the *Virgin*, wherefore we prepared  
 our selves to receive her, who was now  
 coming in with her usual Train, up to  
 her high Seat, one of the Pages bear-  
 ing before her a very tall Goblet of  
 Gold. And the other, a Patent in  
 Parchment: Being now after a mar-  
 vellous artificial manner alighted from  
 the Seat, she takes the Goblet from the  
 Page, and presents the same in the  
 King's behalf, saying, That it was brought  
 us from his Majesty, and that in honour of  
 him we should chuse it to garland. Upon  
 the cover of this Goblet stood Fortune  
 curiously cast in Gold, who had in her  
 Hand a red flying Ensign, for which  
 cause

Virgo-Luc-  
fer

The Lady  
Chamber-  
lain or Con-  
trollor,

Calix  
Q.ambulan

Calix  
Q.ambulan

Calix  
Q.ambulan

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Q.ambulan

Calix  
Q.ambulan

Ornatus vir.  
giris

cause I drunk somewhat the more sadly, as having been but too well acquainted with Fortune's way-wardness. But the Virgin as well as we, was adorned with the Golden *Fleece* and Lyon, whence I observed, that perhaps she was the president of the Order. Wherefore we demanded of her how the Order might be named? she answered, That it was not yet seasonable to discover it, till the affair with the Prisoners were dispatched. And therefore their Eyes were still held; and what had hitherto happened to us, was to them only for an Offence and Scandal, although it were to be accounted as nothing, in regard of the honour that attended us. Hereupon she began to distinguish the *Patent* which the other Page held into two different parts, out of which about thus much was read before the first company.

Reprob  
adventur.

Accusatio  
vnius par-  
tis.

That they should confess that they had too lightly given Credit to false fictitious Books, had assumed too much to themselves, and so came into this Castle, albeit they were never invited into it, and perhaps the most part had presented themselves with design to make their Markets here.

and

and afterwards to live in the greater Pride and Lordlines; And thus one had seduced another, and plunged him into this disgrace and ignominy, wherefore they were deservedly to be soundly punished.

Affectibus  
Mandatis

Which they with great humility readily acknowledged, and gave their Hands upon it. After which a severe check was given to the rest, much to this purpose.

That they very well knew, and were in their Consciences convinced, that they had forged false fictitious Books, had besooled others, and cheated them, and thereby had diminished Regal dignity amongst all. They knew in like manner what ungodly deceitful Figures they had made use of, in so much as they spared not even the Divine Trinity, but accustomed themselves to cheat People all the Country over. It was also now as clear as Day with what Practices they had indeavoured to ensnare the true Guests, and introduce the Ignorant: in like manner, that it was manifest to all the World, that they wallowed in open Whoredom, Adultery, Gluttony, and other Uncleanmesses: All which was against the express Orders of our Kingdom. In brief, they knew they had disparaged Kingly Majesty,

Alterius  
partis.

jeſty, even amongst the common ſort, and therefore they ſhould confeſs themſelves to be manifeſt convicted Vagabond-Cheaters, Knaves and Rascals, whereby they deſerved to be caſhiered from the company of civil People, and ſeverely to be puniſhed.

Confellio  
invita.

The good *Artiſts* were loath to come to this Confellion, but inasmuch as not only the Virgin her ſelf threatned, and ſware their death; but the other party alſo vehemently raged at them, and unanimouſly cryed out, that they had moſt wickedly ſeduced them out of the Light. They at length, to prevent a huge miſfortune, confeſſed the ſame with dolor, and yet withal alledged that what had herein happened was not to be animadverted upon them in the worſt ſenſe. For in as much as the *Lords* were abſolutely reſolved to get into the Caſtle, and had promiſed great ſums of Money to that effect, each one had uſed all Craft to ſeize upon ſomething, and ſo things were brought to that paſs, as was now manifeſt before their Eyes. But that it ſucceeded not, “*They in their opinion had diſ-deſerved no more than the Lords themſelves; As*”  
“*who ſhould have had ſo much under-ſtandnig*

Exouſatio

“standing as to consider that in case  
“any one had been sure of getting in,  
“he would not, in so great Peril, for the  
“sake of a slight gain, have clambered  
“over the Wall with them. Their  
Books also *sold so mightily*, that who-  
ever had no other mean to maintain  
himself, was fain to ingage in such a  
Cousenage. They hoped moreover,  
that if a right Judgment were made,  
they should be found no way to have  
miscarried, as having behaved them-  
selves towards the Lords, as became  
Servants, upon their *earnest entreaty*.  
But answer was made them, that his  
Royal Majesty had determined to pu-  
nish all, and every man, albeit one  
more severely than another. For al-  
though what had been alledged by  
them was partly true, and therefore the  
*Lords should not wholly be indulged*, yet  
they had good reason to prepare them-  
selves for Death, who had so presump-  
tuously obtruded themselves, and per-  
haps seduced the more ignorant against  
their will; As likewise they who with  
*false Books* had violated Royal Majesty,  
as the same might be evinced out of  
their very *Writings* and Books.

Here.

Dolor de  
sententia.

Executio  
Sententia-  
rum.

Spectatores.

Hereupon many began most pitteously to lament, cry, weep, intreat, and prostrate themselves, all which notwithstanding could avail them nothing, and I much marvelled how the Virgin could be so resolute; when yet their misery caused our Eyes to run over, and moved our Compassion (although the most part of them had procured us much trouble, and vexation) For she presently dispatched her Page, who brought with him all the *Curiaffiers* which had this day been appoointed at the Scales, who were commanded each of them to take his own to him, and in an orderly Procession, so as still each *Curiaffier* should go with one of the *Prisoners*, to conduct them into her great Garden. At which time each one so exactly recognised his own Man, that I marvelled at it. Leave also was likewise given to my yesterday *Companions* to go out into the Garden unbound, and to be present at the Execution of the Sentence. Now as soon as every Man was come forth, the Virgin mounted up into her *High Throne*, requesting us to sit down upon the Steps, and to appear at the Judgment, which we refused

not



not, but left all standing upon the Table (except the Goblet, which the Virgin committed to the Pages keeping) and went forth in our Robes upon the Throne, which of it self moved so gently as if we had passed in the Air, till in this manner we came into the Garden, where we arose altogether.

This Garden was not extraordinary curious, only it pleased me that the Trees were planted in so good order. Besides there ran in it a most costly Fountain, adorned with wonderful Figures and Inscriptions, and strange Characters, (which God willing I shall mention in a future

Hortus  
Garden  
inscriptions  
monument

Author promittit alia librum.

Book) In this Garden was raised a wooden Scaffold, hung about with dauntlessly painted figured Coverlets. Now there were four Galleries made one over another, the first was more glorious than any of the rest, and therefore covered with a white Taffata Curtain, so that at that time we could not perceive who was behind it. The second was empty and uncovered. Again the two last were covered with red and blue Taffata. Now as soon as we were come to the Scaffold, the Virgin bowed herself down to the ground, at which we

were mightily terrified: For we might easily guess that the *King* and *Queen* must not be far off; Now we also having duely performed our Reverence, The Virgin lead us up by the winding Stairs into the second Gallery, where she placed her self uppermost, and us in our former order. But how the *Emperor* whom I had released, behaved himself towards me, both at this time, as also before at the Table, I cannot, without slander of wicked Tongues, well relate. For he might well imagine in what Anguish and Sollicitude he now should have been, in case he were at present to attend the Judgment with such ignominy, and that only through me he had now attained such Dignity and Worthiness. Mean time the Virgin who first of all brought me the Invitation, and whom hitherto I had never since seen, stepped in; First she gave one blast upon her Trumpet, and then with a very loud Voice declared the Sentence in this manner.

Gratitudo  
Caesaris erga  
Liberatorem.

Præcomissa.

Oratio ad ju-  
dicandos.

The Kings Majesty my most gracious Lord could from his heart wish, that all and every one here Assembled, had upon his

his Majesties Invitation presented themselves so qualified, as that they might (to his honour) with greatest frequency have adorned this his appointed Nuprial and joyful Feast. But since it hath otherwise pleased Almighty God, his Majesty hath not whereat to murmur, but must be forced, contrary to his own Inclination, to abide by the antient and laudable Constitutions of this Kingdom. But now, that his Majesty's innate Clemency may be celebrated over all the World, he hath thus far absolutely dealt with his Council and Estates, that the usual Sentence shall be considerably lenified. So that in the first place he is willing to vouchsafe to the Lords and Potentates, not only their lives intirely, but also freely and frankly to dismiss them; friendly and courteously intreating your Lordships not at all to take it in evil part that you cannot be present at his Majesties Feast of Honour; But to remember that there is notwithstanding more imposed upon your Lordships by God Almighty (who in the distribution of his Gifts hath an incomprehensible Consideration) than you can duely and easily sustain. Neither is your Reputation hereby prejudiced, although you be rejected by this our Order, since we

Sententia.  
Magnatum

cannot at once all of us, do all things. But for as much as your Lordships have been seduced by base Rascals, it shall not on their part, pass unrevenge'd. And furthermore his Majesty resolveth shortly to communicate with your Lordships a Catalogue of Hereticks or index Expurgatorius, that you may henceforward be able with better judgment to discern between the Good and the Evil. And because his Majesty ere long also purposeth to rummage his Library, and offer up the seductive Writings to Vulcan, he friendly, humbly, and courteously intreats every one of your Lordships to put the same in Execution with your own, whereby it is to be hoped that all evil and Mischief may for the time to come be remedied. And you are withal to be admonished, never henceforth so inconsiderately to cover an entrance hither, least the former excuse of Seducers be taken from you, and you fall into Disgrace and Contempt with all Men. In fine, for as much as the Estate of the Land have still somewhat to demand of your Lordships, his Majesty hopes that no Man will think much to redeem himself with a Chain or what else he hath about him, and so in friendly manner to depart from us, and through our safe conduct to letake himself home again. The

The others who stood not at the first, third, and fourth weight, his Majesty will not so lightly dismiss. But that they also may now experience his Majesty's gentleness, it is his Command, to strip them stark naked, and so send them forth.

Sententia.

2.

Those who in the second and fifth weights were found too light, shall besides Stripping, be wited with one, two or more Brand-marks, according as each one was lighter, or heavier.

3.

They who were drawn up by the sixth or seventh, and not by the rest, shall be somewhat more graciously dealt withal, and so forward. For unto every combination there was a certain punishment ordained, which were here too long to recount.

4.

They who yesterday separated themselves freely of their own accord, shall go out at Liberty without any blame.

Finally, the convicted vagabond-Cheaters who could move up none of the weights, shall as occasion serves, be punished in Body and Life, with the Sword, Halter, Water and Rods. And such Execution of Judgment shall be inviolably observed for an Example unto others.

6.

Finis habiti  
judicij.

Summa ponderatorum.  
7.21.35.35.  
21.7.1.130.  
125.

Varietatis  
modi.

Herewith our Virgin broke her Wand,  
and the other who read the Sentence,  
blowed her Trumpet, and stepped with  
most profound Reverence towards those  
who stood behind the Curtain. But  
here I cannot omit to discover some-  
what to the Reader concerning the  
number of our Prisoners; of whom  
those who weighed *one*, were *seven*; those  
who weighed *two*, were *twenty one*; they  
who *three*, *thirty five*; they who *four*,  
*thirty five*; those who *five*, *twenty one*;  
those who *six*, *seven*; but he that came  
to the *seventh*, and yet could not well  
raise it, He, was only one, and indeed  
the same whom I released. Besides, of  
them who wholly failed there were ma-  
ny: But of those who drew all the  
weights from the ground, but few.  
And these as they stood severally before  
us, so I diligently numbred, and noted  
them down in my Table-Book; And it  
is very admirable that amongst all those  
who weighed any thing, none was equal  
to another. For although amongst those  
who weighed three, there were thirty  
five, yet one of them weighed the first,  
*second*, and third, another the third,  
fourth, and *fifth*, a third, the fifth,  
sixth,

sixth, and seventh and so on. It is likewise very wonderful that amongst one hundred twenty six who weighed any thing, none was equal to another ; And I would very willingly name them all, with each Mans weight, were it not as yet forbidden me. But I hope it may hereafter be published with the *Interpretation*.

Now this Judgment being read over, the Lords in the first place were well satisfied, because in such severity they durst not look for a mild sentence. For which cause they gave more than they were desired, and each one redeemed himself with Chains, Jewels, Gold, Monies and other things, as much as they had about them ; and with reverence took leave. Now although the King's Servants were forbidden to jeer any at his going away, yet some unlucky Birds could not hold laughing, and certainly it was sufficiently ridiculous to see them pack away with such speed, without once looking behind them. Some desired that the promised *Catalogue* might with the first be dispatched after them, and then they would take such order with their Books

Reorum  
res.

Ministrorum  
mores.

Haustus  
oblivionis.

as should be pleasing to his Majesty ;  
which was again assured. At the Door  
was given to each of them out of a Cup  
a Draught of **FORGETFULNESS**;  
that so he might have no further me-  
mory of misfortune.

After these the *Voluntiers* departed,  
who because of their ingenuity were  
suffered to pass, but yet so as never to  
return again in the same fashion ; But  
if to them (as likewise to the others)  
any thing further were revealed, then  
they should be well-come Guests.

Damnati.

Mean while others were stripping, in  
which also an inequality (according to  
each mans demerit) was observ'd. Some  
were sent away naked, without other  
hurt. Others were driven out with  
small Bells. Some were scourged forth.  
In brief the punishments were so vari-  
ous, that I am not able to recount them  
all. In the end it came to the last also  
with whom somewhat a longer time  
was spent, for whilst some were hang-  
ing, some beheading, some forced to  
leap into the Water, and the rest other-  
wise dispatching, much time was con-  
sumed. Verily at this execution my  
Eyes ran over, not indeed in regard of  
the



the punishment, which they otherwise for their impudency well deserved, but in contemplation of *humane blindness*, in that we are continually basking our selves in that which ever since the first Fall hath been hitherto *Sealed* up to us. Thus the Garden which so lately was quite full, was soon emptied; so that besides the Souldiers there was not a man left. Now as soon as this was done, and silence had been kept for the space of five minut's; There came forward a beautiful *snow-white Unicorn* with a golden collar (having in it certain Letters) about his neck: In the same place he bowed himself down upon both his fore-feet, as if hereby he had shewn honour to the Lyon, who stood so immoveably upon the fountain, that I took him to be of stone or brass, who immediately took the naked *Sword* which he bare in his Paw, and brake it in the middle in two, the pieces whereof to my thinking sunk into the *Fountain*: after which he so long roared, until a *white-Dove* brought a branch of *Olive* in her bill, which the Lyon devoured in an instant, and so was quieted. And so the Unicorn returned to

Considerations  
expositio.

Entertainment  
at  
Night.  
Unicornia.

Leo.

Machara.

Columba.

Discessus  
ab hoc actu.

to his place with joy. Hereupon our Virgin lead us down again by the winding staires from the Scaffold, and so we again made our reverence towards the Curtain. We were to wash our hands and heads in the Fountain, and there a little while to wait in our order, till the King through a certain secret Gallery were again returned into his Hall, and then we also with choice Musick, Pomp, State and pleasant discourse were conducted into our former lodging: And this was done about four in the afternoon. But that in the meanwhile the time might not seem too long to us, the Virgin bestowed on each of us a noble *Page*, who were not only richly habited, but also exceeding learned, so that they could so aptly discourse upon all subjects, that we had good reason to be ashamed of our selves. These were commanded to lead us up and down the Castle (yet but into certain places) and if possible, to shorten the time according to our desire. Mean time the Virgin took leave with this consolation, that at Supper she would be with us again, and after that celebrate the Ceremonies of the hanging up  
of

Discessus  
Virginis Lo-  
ciferæ.

of the *Weights*, requesting that we would in patience waite till the next day, for on the morrow we must be presented to the King. She being thus departed from us, each of us did what best pleased him. One part viewed the excellent paintings, which they copied out for themselves, and considered also what the wonderful Characters might signifie. Others were fain to recruit themselves again with *meat* and drink. I indeed caused my Page to conduct me (together with my Companion) up and *down* the Castle, of which walk it will never repent me as long as I have a day to live. For besides many other glorious Antiquities, the Royal *Sepulcher* was also shewed me, by which I learned more than is extant in *all Books*. There in the same place stands also the glorious *Phenix* (of which two years since I published a particular small discourse) And am resolved (in case this my narration shall prove useful) to set forth several and peculiar Treatises, concerning the *Lyon, Eagle, Griffon, Falcon* and other like, together with their Draughts and Inscriptions. It grieves  
me

Hospitum  
modi in de-  
lectamentis.

Autoris.

Libellus de  
Phenice.

me also for my other Consorts, that they neglected such pretious Treasures. And yet I cannot but think it was the special will of God it should be so. I indeed reaped the most benefit by my Page, for according as each ones *genius* lay, so he led his intrusted into the quarters and places which were pleasing to him. Now the *Kyes* hereunto belonging were committed to my Page, and therefore this good Fortune happened to me before the rest; For although he invited others to come in, yet they imagining such *Tombs* to be only in the Church-yard, thought they should well enough get thither, when ever any thing was to be seen there. Neither shall these *Monuments* (as both of us copied and transcribed them) be withheld from my thankful Schollars. The other thing that was shewed us two was the Noble *Library* as it was altogether before the *Reformation*. Of which (albeit it rejoyces my Heart as often as I call it to mind) I have so much the less to say, because the *Catalogue* thereof is very shortly to be published. At the entry of this Room stands a great Book, the like whereof I never saw, in which all the *Figures*, *Rooms*, *Portals*,

Ufus eorum  
que Autor  
vidit.

Bibliotheca.

tals, also all the Writings, Riddles and  
 the like, to be seen in the whole Castle,  
 are delineated. Now although we have  
 made some promise concerning *this* also,  
 yet at present I must contain my self, and  
 first learn to know the World better.  
 In every Book stands its *Author* painted;  
 whereof (as I understood) many were  
 to be burnt, that so even their memory  
 may be blotted out from amongst the  
 Righteous. Now having taken a full  
 view hereof, and being scarce gotten  
 forth, another *Page* came running to  
 us, and having whispered somewhat in  
 our *Pages* ear, he delivered up the *Eyes*  
 to him, who immediately carried them  
 up the winding Stairs; But our *Page*  
 was very much out of *Countenance*, and  
 we setting hard upon him with Intrea-  
 ties, He declared to us that the *King's*  
*Majesty* would by no means permit that  
 either of the two, namely the *Library*  
 and *Scpulchers*, should be seen by any  
 Man and therefore he besought us as we  
 tendered his Life, to discover it to no  
 Man, he having already utterly denied  
 it: Whereupon both of us stood ho-  
 vering between Joy and Fear, yet it con-  
 tinued in Silence, and no Man made fur-  
 ther inquiry about it. Thus in both  
 places

*Fassidium  
pulsum e-  
gregijs pec-  
taculis.*

*Officinarum  
constituta-  
rum finis.*

*Globus ter-  
renus.*

places we consumed three hours, which does not at all repent me. Now although it had already stricken *Seven*, yet nothing was hitherto given us to eat, howbeit our hunger was easie to be abated by constant *Revivings*, and I could be well content to fast all my Life long with such Entertainment. About this time the Curious *Fountains*, Mines, and all kind of Art-Shops, were also shown us, of which there was none but surpassed all our Arts, though they should all be melted into one Mass. All their Chambers were built in *semi-circle*, that so they might have before their Eyes the costly Clock-work which was erected upon a fair Turret in the Center, and regulate themselves according to the course of the *Planets*, which were to be seen on it in a glorious manner. And hence I could easily conjecture wherein our *Artists* failed, howbeit its none of my duty to inform them. At length I came into a spacious Room (shown indeed to the rest a great while before) in the middle whereof stood a terrestrial Globe, whose Diameter contained thirty Foot, albeit near half of it, except a little which was covered with the steps, was

was let into the Earth. Two Men might readily turn this Globe about with all its Furniture, so that more of it was never to be seen, but so much as was above the Horizon. Now although I could easily conceive that this was of some special use, yet could I not understand whereto those *Ringlets* of Gold (which were upon it in several places) served; At which my Page laughed, and advised me to view them more narrowly. In brief, I found there my *native Country* noted with Gold also: Whereupon my Companion sought his, and found that so too. Now for as much as the same hapened in like manner to the rest who stood by, The Page told us of a certain that it was yesterday declared to the Kings Majest<sup>y</sup> by their old *Atlas* (so is the Astronomer named) that all the gilded points did exactly answer to their native Countries, according as had been shown of each of them. And therefore He also, as soon as he perceived that I *undervalued my self*; and that nevertheless there stood a point upon my *native Country*, moved one of the Captains to intreat for us, that we should be set upon the Scale (without our *Perril*)

ril) at all Adventures; Especially seeing one of our Native Countries had a notable good Mark: And truly it was not without cause that He, the Page who had the greatest power of all the rest, was bestowed on me. For this I then returned him thanks, and immediately looked more diligently upon my native Country, and found more over that besides the *Ringlet*, there were also certain delicate *streaks* upon it, which nevertheless I would not be thought to speak to my own praise or glory. I saw much more too upon this Globe than I am willing to discover. Let each Man take into consideration why every City produceth not a Philosopher. After this he lead us quite into the Globe, which was thus made; On the Sea (there being a large square besides it) was a Tablet, whereon stood three Dedications, and the Author's name, which a Man might gently lift up and by a little joyned Board, go into the Center, which was capable of four Persons, being nothing but a round Board whereon we could sit and at ease by broad-daylight (it was now already dark) contemplate the Stars, to my thinking they

Excellentia  
Patriciæ An-  
tonia.

Quid in  
Glob.



they were mere *Carbuncles* which glittered in an agreeable order, and moved so gallantly, that I had scarce any mind ever to go out again, as the Page afterwards told the Virgin, with which she often twitted me: For it was already Supper time, and I had so much amused my self in the Globe, that I was almost the last at Table; wherefore I made no longer delay, but having again put on my *Gown* (which I had before layd aside) and stepping to the Table, the waiters treated me with so much reverence and honour, that for shame I durst not look up, and so unawares permitted the Virgin, who attended me on one side, to stand, which she soon perceiving twitched me by the Gown, and so led me to the table to speak any further concerning the Musick, or the rest of that magnificent entertainment, I hold it needless both because it is not possible sufficiently to express it, and I have above reported it according to my power. In brief, there was nothing there but Art and A-mænity. Now after we had each to other related our employment since

Reverentia  
in convivio  
exhibita  
Auctoris.

The Lady  
Chamber-  
lain or Con-  
trouler.

Perplexed  
Speeches, or  
intricate  
Questions.

noon (howbeit, not a word was spoken of the Library and Monuments) being already merry with the Wine, the Virgin began thus: My Lords, I have a great contention with one of my Sisters: In our Chamber we have an *Eagle*, Now we cherish him with such diligence, that each of us is desirous to be the best beloved, and upon that score have many a Squabble. On a day we concluded to go both together to him, and toward whom he should shew himself most friendly, hers should he properly be; this we did, and I (as commonly) bare in my hand a branch of Lawrel, but my Sister had none. Now as soon as he espied us both, he immediately gave my Sister another branch which he had in his Beak, and offered at mine, which I gave him. Now each of us hereupon imagined her self to be best beloved of him; which way am I to resolve my self? This modest proposal of the Virgin pleased us all mighty well, and each one would gladly have heard the Solution, but in as much as they all looked upon me, and desired to have the beginning from

from me, my mind was so extreemly confounded that I knew not what else to do with it but propound another in its stead, and therefore said Gracious Lady, your Ladyships question were easily to be resolved if one thing did not perplex me. I had two Companions, both which loved me exceedingly; now they being doubtful which of them was most dear to me, concluded to run to me unawares, and that he whom I should then embrace should be the right; this they did, yet one of them could not keep pace with the other, so he staid behind and wept, the other I embraced with amazement. Now when they had afterwards discovered the business to me, I knew not how to resolve my self, and have hitherto let it rest in this manner, until I may find some good advice herein. The Virgin wondered at it, and well observed where about I was, whereupon she replied, well then let us both be quit; and then desired the solution from the rest. But I had already made them wise. Wherefore the next began thus. In the City where I live, a Virgin was lately condemned to death, but the

Autoris  
7. 1. 1. 1.  
griphus.

The Author  
counser-de-  
mand.

Judge being something pittifull towards her, caused it to be proclaimed that if any Man desired to become the Virgins Champion, he should have free leave to do it. Now she had two Lovers, the one presently made himself ready, and came into the lists to expect his adversary, afterwards the other also presented himself, but coming somewhat too late, he resolved nevertheless to fight, and willingly suffer himself to be vanquished, that so the Virgin's life might be preserved, which also succeeded according. *Whereupon each challenged her: Now my Lords instruct me, to which of them of right belongeth she?* The Virgin could hold no longer, but said, I thought to have gained much information, and am my self gotten into the Net, but yet would gladly hear whether there be any more behind: *yes, that there is, answered the third, a Stranger adventure hath not been yet recounted then that which happened to my self. In my Youth I loved a worthy Maid: Now that this my love might attain its wished end, I was faine to make use of an ancient Ma- aron who easily brought me to her. Now*  
it

it happened that the Maid's Brethren came in upon us just as we three were together, who were in such a rage that they would have taken my Life, but upon my vehement Supplication, they at length forced me to swear to take each of them for a Tear, to my wedded Wife. Now tell me my Lords, should I take the old, or the young one first? We all laughed sufficiently at this riddle, and though some of them muttered one to another thereupon, yet none would undertake to unfold it. Hereupon the fourth began. In a certain City there dwelt an honourable Lady, who was beloved of all, but especially by a young noble Man, who would needs be too importunate with her; at length she gave him this determination, that in case he would, in a cold Winter, lead her into a fair green Garden of Roses, then he should obtain, but if not, he must resolve never to see her more. The noble Man travelled into all Countries to find such a Man as might perform this, till at length he lite upon a little old Man that promised to do it for him, in case he would assure him of half his Estate; which he having consented to,

the

the other was as good as his word. Whereupon he invited the foresaid Lady home to his Garden, where contrary to her expectation she found all things green, pleasant and warm, and withal remembring her promise, she only requested that she might once more return to her Lord, to whom with Sighs and Tears she bewailed her lamentable condition: But for as much as he sufficiently perceived her faithfulness, he dispatched her back to her Lover, who had so dearly purchased her, that she might give him Satisfaction. This Husband's integrity did so mightily affect the noble man, that he thought it a sin to touch so honest a Wife; so he sent her home again with honour to her Lord. Now the little Man perceiving such Faith in both these, would not, how poor soever he were, be the least, but restored the noble Man all his Goods again, and went his way. Now (my Lords) I know not which of these persons may have shown the greatest ingenuity? Here our Tongues were quite cut off. Neither would the Virgin make any other reply, but only that another should go on. Wherefore

fore the fifth, without delay, began. 7. 6.  
 My Lords, I desire not to make long  
 work; who hath the greater joy, he  
 that beholdeth what he loveth, or he  
 that only thinketh on it? He that be-  
 holdeth it, said the Virgin; nay an-  
 swered I; hereupon arose a contest,  
 wherefore the sixth called out, My 7.  
 Lords I am to take a Wife; now I  
 have before me a maid, a married  
 Wife, and a Widdow; ease me of  
 this doubt, and I will afterwards help  
 to order the rest. It goes well there,  
 replied the seventh, where a man hath 8.  
 his choice, but with me the case is o-  
 therwise; in my youth I loved a fair  
 and vertuous Virgin from the bottom  
 of my Heart, and she me in like man-  
 ner: howbeit because of her Friends  
 denial we could not come together in  
 wedlock: Whereupon she was married  
 to another, yet an honest and discreet  
 Person, who maintained her honoura-  
 bly and with affection, until she came  
 into the paines of Child-birth, which  
 went so hard with her that all thought  
 she had been dead, so with much state,  
 and great mourning she was interred.  
 Now I thought with my self, during  
 her

her Life thou couldst have no part in this Woman, but yet now dead as she is thou mayst embrace and Kiss her sufficiently ; whereupon I took my Servant with me, who dug her up by Night ; Now having opened the Coffin and locked her in my Arms, and feeling about her Heart, I found still some little motion in it, which increased more and more from my warmth, till at last I perceived that she was indeed still alive ; wherefore I quietly bare her home, and after I had warmed her chilled Body with a costly Bath of Herbs, I committed her to my Mother until she brought forth a fair Son, whom (as the Mother) I caused faithfully to be nursed. After two days (she being then in a mighty amazement) I discovered to her all the forepassed affair, requesting her that for the time to come she would live with me as a Wife, against which she thus excepted, in case it should be grievous to her Husband who had well and honourably maintained her. But if it could otherwise be, she was the present obliged in love to one as well as the other. Now after two Months (being then to make a Journey elsewhere)



elsewhere) I invited her Husband as a  
 Guest, and amongst other things de-  
 manded of him, whether if his deceased  
 Wife should come home again, he  
 could be content to receive her, and he  
 affirming it with Tears and Lamenta-  
 tions, at length I brought him his Wife  
 together with his Son, and an account  
 of all the fore-passed business, intreat-  
 ing him to ratifie with his consent my  
 fore-purposed espousals. After a long  
 dispute he could not beat me from my  
 right, but was fain to leave me the  
 Wife. But still the contest was about  
 the Son. Here the Virgin interrupted  
 him, and said, It makes me wonder how  
 you could double the afflicted Mans  
 grief. How, answered he, was I not  
 then concerned? Upon this there arose  
 a dispute amongst us, yet the most part  
 affirmed that he had done but right.  
 Nay, said he, I freely returned him  
 both his Wife and Son. Now tell me  
 (my Lords) was my honesty, or this  
 Man's joy the greater? These words  
 had so mightily cheared the Virgin that  
 (as if it had been for the sake of these  
 two) she caused a health to go round.  
 After which the rest of the proposals  
 went

went on somewhat perplexedly, so that I could not retain them all, yet this comes to my mind, that one said, that a few years before he had seen a Physitian, who bought a parcel of Wood against Winter, with which he warmed himself all Winter long; but as soon as the Spring returned he sold the very same Wood again, and so had the use of it for nothing; Here must needs be skill, said the Virgin, but the time is now past. Yea, replied my Companion, who ever understands not how to resolve all the Riddles, may give each Man notice of it by a proper Messenger, I conceive he will not be denied. At this time they began to say Grace, and we arose altogether from the Table, rather satisfied and merry than gluttoned; and it were to be wished that all *Invitations* and *Feastings* were thus to be kept. Having now taken some few turns up and down the Hall again, the Virgin asked us whether we desired to begin the Wedding. Yes, said one, noble and vertuous Lady; whereupon she privately dispatched a Page, and yet in the mean time proceeded in discourse with us. In brief

The Lady  
Chamber-  
lain  
Virg. Lucif.  
Gratiositas.

brief she was already become so familiar with us, that I adventured and requested her Name. The Virgin smiled at my Curiosity, but yet was not moved, but replied, *My Name contains* Sicigna de  
Noume.  
*five and fifty, and yet hath only eight Letters, the third is the third part of the fifth, which added to the sixth will produce a Number, whose root shall exceed the third it self by just the first, and it is the half of the fourth. Now the fifth and the seventh are equal, the last and the first are also equal, and make with the second as much as the sixth hath, which contains just four more than the third tripl'd. Now tell me, my Lord, how am I called?* The answer was intricate enough to me, yet I left not off so, but said, noble and vertuous Lady, may I not obtain one only Letter? *Yea* (said she) *that may well be done.* What then (replied I again) may the seventh contain? *It contains* 60.  
Sc. quet Vir-  
gines. (said she) *as many as there are Lords here.* With this I was content, and easily found her Name, at which she was well pleased, with assurance that much more should yet be revealed to us. Mean time certain Virgins had made themselves ready, and came in with great Cere-

2. *Juvenes*. Ceremony. First of all two Youths carried Lights before them, one of them was of a jocond Countenance, sprightly Eyes and gentile Proportion. The other lookt something angerly, whatever he would have, must be, as I afterwards perceived. After them first followed four Virgins; one looked shame-facedly towards the Earth, very humble in Behaviour; The second also was a modest, bashful Virgin; The third, as she entered the Room seemed amazed at somewhat, and as I understood, she cannot well abide where there is too much *Mirth*. The fourth brought with her certain small *wreaths*, thereby to manifest her Kindness and Liberality. After these four came two which were somewhat more gloriously Apparellled; they saluted us courteously; One of them had a Gown of *Stye* coulour spangled with golden Stars; The others was *green*, beautified with red and white stripes. On their Heads they had thin flying *Tisfaries*, which did most becomingly adorn them. At last came one alone, who had on her head a *Coronet*, but rather looked up towards Heaven, than towards Earth.
4. *Virgines*.
2. *virgine*.
1. *Virgo præstant.*

Earth. We all thought it had been the the Bride, but were much mistaken, although otherwise in Honour, Riches and State she much surpassed the *Bride*; the Dutches. and she afterwards ruled the whole Wedding. Now on this occasion we all followed our Virgin, and fell down on our Knees, howbeit she shewed herself extream humble, offering every one her hand, and admonishing us not to be too much surprized at this, for this was one of her smallest Bounties, but to lift up our Eyes to our Creator, and learn hereby to acknowledge his Omnipotency, and so proceed in our enterprised course, employing this Grace to the praise of God, and the good of Man. In sum, her words were quite different from those of our *Virgin*, who was somewhat *more worldly*. They pierced even through my Bones and Marrow. *And thou*, said she further to me, *hast received more than others, see that thou also make a larger return.* This to me was a very strange Sermon; for as soon as we saw the Virgins with the Musick, we imagined we must presently fall to Dancing, but that time was not as yet come. Now the Weights, whereof

Ponderum  
repositio in  
locum suum.  
the Dutches.

Reginæ habi-  
tatio.  
the Dutches.

Supplex.

the Dutches.

whereof mention hath been before made, stood still in the same place, wherefore the Queen (I yet knew not who she was) commanded each Virgin to take up one, but to our Virgin she gave her own, which was the last and *greatest*, and commanded us to follow behind; our Majesty was then somewhat abated, for I well observed that our Virgin was but too good for us, & that we were not so highly reputed as we our selves were almost in part willing to phantise. So we went behind in our order, and were brought into the first Chamber, where our Virgin in the first place hang up the *Queen's* weight, during which an excellent spiritual Hymn was Sung; there was nothing costly in this Room save only certain curious little *Prayer Books* which should never be missing. In the midst was erected a Pulpit, very convenient for Prayer, where in the *Queen* kneeled down, about her we were all fain to kneel and pray after the Virgin, who read out of a Book, That this Wedding might tend to the Honour of God, and our own benefit. After wards we came into the second Chamber, where the *first Virgin* hung up

up her weight also, and so forward till all the Ceremonies were finished. Hereupon the *Queen* again presented her Hand to every one, and departed thence with her Virgin. Our President staid yet a while with us. But because it had been already two hours night, she would no longer detain us; me thought she was glad of our Company, yet she bid us good night, and wished us quiet rest, and so departed friendly, although *unwillingly* from us. Our Pages were well instructed in their business, and therefore shewed every Man his Chamber, and staid also with us in another Pallet, that in case we wanted any thing we might make use of them. My Chamber (of the rest I am not able to speak) was royally furnished with rare *Tapestries*, and hung about with Paintings. But above all things I delighted in my Page, who was so excellently spoken, and experienced in the *Arts*, that he yet spent me another hour, and it was half an hour after three when first I fell asleep. And this indeed was the first night that I slept in quiet, and yet a scurvy Dream would not suffer me to rest; For I was all the night troubled

Virgo Iustif.  
discedit  
cubaturn.

Puerorum  
comiturn  
Officium.

Autoris  
thalamus.

Somnium  
de portâ  
difficili.

troubled with a *Door* which I could not get open, but at last I did it. With these phantasies I passed the time, till at length towards day I awaked.

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*The fourth Day.*

Autor long-  
iuscule dor-  
miens ex-  
pergescit.

**I** Still lay in my Bed, and leisurely survièghed all the noble Images and Figures up and down about my Chamber, during which on a sudden I heard the *Musick* of Coronets, as if they had been already in Procession. My Page skipped out of the Bed as if he had been at his wits end, and looked more like one dead than living; In what case I then was, is easily imaginable, for, said he, *The rest are already presented to the King*; I knew not what else to do, but weep out-right, and Curs'd my own sloathfulness; yet I dress'd my self, but my Page was ready long before me, and ran out of the Chamber to see how affairs might yet stand. But he soon returned, and brought with him this joyful news, that



that the time indeed was not yett past, <sup>Sentaculo</sup>  
 only I had over-slept my Breakfast, they <sup>privatim.</sup>  
 being unwilling to waken me because of  
 my Age; But that now it was time for  
 me to go with him to the *Fountain* where  
 the most part were assembled; With  
 this Consolation my Spirit returned a-  
 gain, wherefore I was soon ready with  
 my Habit, and went after the Page to  
 the *Fountain* in the afore-mentioned  
 Garden; where I found that the *Lyon*  
 instead of his Sword had a pretty large <sup>Leoni Ta-</sup>  
 Tablet by him. <sup>bula.</sup> Now having well  
 viewed it, I found that it was taken  
 out of the ancient Monuments, and  
 placed here for some especial Honour.  
 The Inscription was somewhat worn  
 out with age, and therefore I am mind-  
 ed to set it down here, as it is, and give  
 every one leave to consider it.

**HERMES**

(98)

HERMES PRINCEPS.  
POST TOT ILLATA  
GENERI HUMANO DAMNA,  
DEI CONSILIO:  
ARTISQUE ADMINICULO,  
MEDICINA SALUBRIS FACTUS  
HEIC FLUO.

*Bibat ex me qui potest: larves, qui vult:  
turbet qui audet:*

BIBITE FRATRES, ET VIVITE.

∞)XXICV W7

Scriptura  
facilis.

Pctus.

This Writing might well be read and understood, and may therefore fitly be here placed, because easier than any of the rest: Now after we had first washed our selves out of the Fountain, and every Man had taken a draught out of an intirely Golden Cup, we were once more again to follow the Virgin into the Hall, and there put on new Apparel,

Apparel, which was all of Cloth of <sup>vestians,</sup> Gold gloriously set out with Flowers: There was also given to every one another Golden Fleece, which was set about with pretious Stones, and various Workmanship according to the utmost skill of each Artificer. On it hung a weighty Medal of Gold, whereon were figured the *Sun* and *Moon* in opposition; but on the other side stood this Poetic, *The light of the Moon shall be as the light of the Sun, and the light of the Sun shall be seven times lighter than at present.* But <sup>Clinodis;</sup> our former Jewels were layed in a little Casket, and committed to one of the Waiters. After this the Virgin lead us out in our order, where the Musi- <sup>Musici.</sup> ans waited ready at the door, all appa-  
 ralled in *red Velvet* with white Guards. After which a *Door* (which I never saw open before) to the Royal winding-  
 Stairs was unlocked; There the Vir-  
 gin led us together with the Musick, up *three hundred sixty five* Stairs, there we saw nothing but what was of extream costly and artificial Workmanship; and still the further we went, the more glorious still was the Furniture, until at length at the top we came under a

Accessus  
ad Regis  
Aulam.

Laborato-  
rium arcua-  
tum 60. Vir-  
gines.

Virg. Lucif.

Regis & Re-  
ginæ gloria.

Painted Arch, where the sixty Virgins attended us, all Richly Apparell'd; Now as soon as they had bowed to us, and we as well as we could, had returned our reverence, our Musicians were dispatched away, who were fain to go down the winding-Stairs again, the Door being shut after them. After this a little Bell was tolled; then came in a beautiful Virgin who brought every one a wreath of Laurel; But our Virgins had Branches given them: Mean while a Curtain was drawn up; Where I saw the King and Queen as they sat there in their Majesty, and had not the yesterday Queen so faithfully warned me, I should have forgotten my self; and have equalled this unspeakable glory to Heaven. For besides that the Room glistered of meer Gold and precious Stones; the Queen's Robes were moreover so made, that I was not able to behold them. And whereas I before esteemed any thing for handsom, here all things so much surpass'd the rest, as the Stars in Heaven are elevated. In the mean time the Virgin stept in, and so each of the Virgins taking one of us by the hand, with most profound Re-  
verence

verence presented us to the King: Whereupon the Virgin began thus to speak. That to honour your Royal Majesties, (most gracious King and Queen) these Lords here present have adventured hither with peril of Body and Life; your Majesties have reason to rejoyce, especially since the greatest part are qualified for the enlarging of your Majesties Estates and Empire, as you will find the same by a most gracious and particular examination of each of them. Herewith I was desirous thus to have them in Humility presented to your Majesties, with most humble suit to discharge me of this my Commission, and most graciously to take sufficient information from each of them, concerning both my Actions and Omissions. Hereupon she laid down her Branch upon the ground. Now it would have been very fitting for one of us to have put in and spoken somewhat on this occasion, but seeing we were all troubled with the falling of the Uvula, at length the old Atlas stept forward and spoke on the King's behalf; Their Royal Majesties do most graciously rejoyce at your arrival, and will that their Royal Grace be assured to all, and every Man: And with thy Administration, gen-

Vireo Lucif,  
praesentat  
hospites  
Regi.

origines  
proda

Hospites ne-  
sciant re-  
spondere-At-  
las respon-  
det.

the Virgin, they are most gratioſly ſatisfied,  
& accordingly a Royal Reward ſhall therefore  
be provided for thee; yet it is ſtill their inten-  
tion, that thou ſhalt this day alſo continue  
with them, in as much as they have no rea-  
ſon to miſtruſt thee. Hereupon the Vir-  
gin humbly took up the Branch again.

And ſo we for this firſt time were to  
ſtep aſide with our Virgin. This room

Deſcriptio  
Laboratorij.

was ſquare on the front, five times  
broader than it was long; but towards  
the Weſt it had a great Arch like a  
Porch, wherein ſtood in circle three  
glorious Royal Thrones, yet the middle-  
moſt was ſomewhat higher than the reſt.

Subcellia.

1. Rex ſc-  
rex Coniux  
Juvén.

Now in each Throne ſate two perſons,  
in the firſt ſate a very antient King with  
a gray Beard, yet his Conſort was ex-  
traordinary fair and young. In the

2. Rex et  
conjux ſenes

third Throne ſate a black King of mid-  
dle Age, and by him a dainty old Ma-  
tron, not Crowned, but covered with  
a Vail. But in the middle ſate the two

3. Juvén.

young Perſons, who tho they had like-  
wiſe Wreaths of Laurel upon their  
Heads, yet over them hung a large and  
coſtly Crown. Now albeit they were  
not at this time ſo fair as I had before  
imagined to my ſelf, yet ſo it was to be.

Behind

Behind them on a round Form sat for  
 the most part <sup>Scam. Afflores.</sup> ~~Amorous~~ Men, yet none of  
 them (at which I wondered) had any  
 Sword, or other Weapon about him; [Qualef-  
 Neither saw I any other Life-guard, <sup>nam ;] num</sup>  
 but certain Virgins which were with us, <sup>illæ virtu-</sup>  
 the day before, who sat on the sides of <sup>tum ?</sup>  
 the Arch. Here can I not pass in silence  
 how the little *Cupid* flew to and again  
 there, but for the most part he hovered  
 and played the wanton about the  
 great *Crown*; sometimes he seated him-  
 self in between the two Lovers, some-  
 what smiling upon them with his Bow.  
 Nay, sometimes he made as if he would  
 shoot one of us; In brief, this *Knaue*  
 was so full of his waggery, that he  
 would not spare even the little *Birds*,  
 which in multitudes flew up and down <sup>Aves.</sup>  
 the Room, but tormented them all he  
 could. The Virgins also had their pa- <sup>Virgines.</sup>  
 stimes with him, but whensoever they  
 could catch him, it was not so easie a  
 matter for him to get from them again.  
 Thus this little *Knaue* made all the  
 sport and mirth. Before the *Queen* <sup>Supplex in</sup>  
 stood a small, but unexpressibly curious <sup>Aula</sup>  
*Altar*: wherein lay a Book covered with <sup>Altare.</sup>  
 black Velvet, only a little over-layed <sup>i. Book.</sup>

2. Taper.

3. Sphere.

4. Watch.

5. little  
Fountain.6. Skull.  
Serpent.

7. Images.

with Gold; by this stood a small Taper in an Ivory Candlestick, now although it were very small, yet it burnt continually, and stood in that manner, that had not Cupid in sport, now and then puffed upon it, we could not have conceived it to be Fire. By this stood a Sphere or Celestial Globe, which of its self turned clearly about. Next this, a small striking Watch, by that a little Christal Pipe or Syphon Fountain, out of which perpetually ran a clean blood-red Liquor, and last of all a Skull, or Devils Head; in this was a white Serpent, which was of such a length, that though she crept circle-wise about the rest of it, yet her Tail still remained in one of the Eye-holes, until her Head again entered at the other, so she never stirred from her Skull, unless it happened that Cupid twitched a little at her; for then she slipped in so suddenly, that we all could not choose but marvel at it. Together with this Alter, there were up and down the Room wonderful Images, which moved themselves, as if they had been alive, and had so strange a contrivance, that it would be impossible for me to relate it all like-



likewise as we were passing out, there began such a marvellous kind of vocal Musick, that I could not certainly tell, whether it were performed by the Virgins who yet staid behind, or by the Images themselves. Now we being for this time satisfied, went thence with our Virgins, who, the Mariana being already present, led us down the winding Stairs again, but the Door was diligently locked and bolted. As soon as we were come again into the Hall; one of the Virgins began: *I wonder, Sister, that you durst adventure your self amongst so many Persons.* My Sister, replied our President, *I am fearful of none so much as of this Man,* pointing at me; This speech went to the Heart of me; For I well understood that she mocked at my Age, and indeed I was the oldest of them all. Yet she comforted me again with promise, That in case I behaved my self yvell towards her, she would easily rid me of this burden. Mean time a Collation was again brought in, and every one's Virgin seated by him, ywho yvell know how to shorten the time with handsom discourses. But what their discourses and

Discidit  
ex labora-  
rio.

Virgines lo-  
cantur de se-  
mie Anticia.

Convivium  
cum Virgini-  
bus.

*Sermoes  
Convales.*

*Autor  
Mafius  
Seniam.*

*Locum so-  
latium  
accipit a  
Virgilio.*

*Socio.*

*Virgilio  
Virgilio.*

and sports vvhere I dare not blab out of School. But most of the questions were about the Arts, whereby I could lightly gather that both young and old were conversant in the Sciences. But still it run in my thoughts how I might become young again, whereupon I vvvas somevvhat the sadder; This the Virgin perceived, and therefore began, I dare lay any thing, if I lye with him to night, he shall be pleasanter in the morning. Hereupon they began to laugh, and albeit I blushed all over, yet I vvvas faine to laugh too at my ovvn ill-luck. Nowv there vvvas one there that had a mind to return my disgrace again upon the Virgin; vvhereupon he said, I hope not only we, but the Virgins too themselves will bear witness in behalf of our Brother, that our Lady President hath promised her self to be his Bed-fellow to Night. I should be well content with it, replied the Virgin, if I had not reason to be afraid of these my Sisters; there would be no hold with them should I chuse the best and handsomest for my self, against their will. My Sister presently began another, We find here by that thy high Office makes thee not proud; wherefore if by thy permission we might by  
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lot part the Lords here present, amongst us,  
for Bed-fellows, thou shouldst with our good-  
will have such a Prerogative. We let  
this pass thus for a Jeall, and began a-  
gain to discourse together. But our  
Virgin could not leave tormenting us,  
and therefore began again, My Lords,  
how if we should permit Fortune to decide  
which of us must lie together to Night?  
Well, said I, If it may be no other-  
wise, we cannot refuse such a proffer.  
Now because it was concluded to make  
this tryal after Meat, we resolved to  
sit no longer at Table, so we arose, and  
each one vvalked up and down vwith  
his Virgin. Nay, said the Virgin, I  
shall not be so yet, but let us see how For-  
tune will couple us; upon vvhich we  
were separated asunder. But now first  
arose a dispute howy the business should  
be carried, but this was only a pre-  
meditated device, for the Virgin instantly  
made the proposall that we should mix  
our selves together in a Ring, and that  
the beginning to count from her self,  
the seventh, was to be content with the  
following seventh, whether it were a  
Virgin, or man; for our parts we  
were not aware of any craft, and  
therefore

Luders  
electio una  
dormientia.

dispositio A

therefore permitted it so to be ; but when we thought we had very well mingled our selves, the Virgins nevertheless were so subtil, that each one knew her station before-hand ; The Virgin began to reckon, the seventh next her was again a Virgin, the third seventh a Virgin likewise, and this happened so long till (to our amazement) all the *Virgins* came forth, and *none* of us was hit ; Thus we poor pittifull Wretches remained standing alone, and were moreover forced to suffer our selves to be *jeared* too, and confess we were very handsomly couzened. In short, who ever had seen us in our order, might sooner have expected the Skye to fall, then that it should never have come to our turn. Herewith our sport was at an end, and we were faine to satisfie our selves with the Virgins Wagery. In the interm, the little wanton *Cupid* came also in unto us ; But because he presented himself on behalf of their Royal Majesties, and delivered us a Health (as from them) out of a golden Cup, and was to call our Virgins to the King, withal declaring he could at this time tarry no longer with

with them, we could not sufficiently sport our selves with him: So with a due return of our most humble thanks we let him sive forth again. Now because (in the interm) the mirth began to fall into my Consort's Feet, and the Virgins were nothing sorry to see it, they quickly lead up a civil Dance, whom I rather beheld with pleasure, then assisted. For my Mercurialists were so ready with their Postures, as if they had been long of the Trade.

After some few Dances our president came in again, and told us how the Artists and Students had offered themselves to their Royal Majesties, for their Honour and Pleasure, before their departure to act a Merry Comedy; and if we thought good to be present at it, and to waite upon their Royal Majesties to the House of the *San*, it would be acceptable to them, and they would most gratically acknowledge it: Hereupon in the first place we returned our most humble thanks for the Honour vouchsafed us, not only so, but moreover most submissively tendered our small service, which the Virgin related again, and presently brought word to

attend

A merry  
dance

Hospites  
invitantur  
a virginis  
Lucif. ad  
comediam

Processus  
Regis ad  
Spectandam  
Comediam.

attend their Royal Majesties (in our order) in the Gallery, whither we were soon led, and staid not long there; for the Royal Procession was just ready, yet without any Musick at all. The unknown Queen, who was Yesterday with us, went foremost, with a small and costly Coronet, apparrelled in *white Sattin*, she carried nothing but a small Crucifix which was made of a Pearl, and this very day wrought between the young King and his Bride. After her went the six fore-mentioned Virgins in two ranks, who carried the King's Jewels belonging to the little Altar: next to these came the three Kings. The Bridegroom was in the midst of them in a plain dress, only in *black Sattin*, after the Italian Mode. He had on a small round black Hat, with a little black pointed Feather, which he courteously put off to us, thereby to signify his favour towards us. To him we bowed our selves, as also to the first, as we had been before instructed. After the Kings came the three Queens, two whereof were richly habited, only she in the middle went likewise all in *black*, and Cupid held up her Train; after this

this intimation was given to us to follow, and after us the Virgins, till at last old *Atlas* brought up the rear. In such Procession, through many stately Walks, we at length came to the House of the *Sun*, there next to the King and Queen, upon a richly furnished Scaffold, to behold the fore-ordained Comedy. We indeed, though Separated, stood on the right Hand of the Kings, but the Virgins on the left, except those, to whom the Royal Ensignes were committed. To them was allotted a peculiar standing at top of all. But the rest of the attendants were saine to stand below between the columns, and therewith to be content. Now because there are many remarkable Passages in this Comedy, I will not omit in brief to run it over.

Statio  
Spectatorum.

a Præpositus  
que  
agebantur  
Actus. 1.

First of all came forth a very *ancient King*, with some Servants; before whose *Throne* was brought a little *Chest*, with mention that it was found upon the Water, Now it being opened, there appeared in it a lovely *Babe*, together with certain Jewels, and a small Letter of Parchment sealed, and superscribed to the King. Which the King therefore presently opened, and having read

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it, wept; and then declared to his Ser-  
vants how injuriously the King of the  
Moors had deprived his Aunt of her  
Country, and had extinguished all the  
Royal Seed even to this Infant, with the  
Daughter of which Country he had  
now purposed to have matched his Son.  
Hereupon he Swore to maintain perpe-  
tual enmity with the Moors, and his Al-  
lies, and to revenge this upon him; and  
therewith commanded that the Child  
should be tenderly nursed, and to make  
preparation against the Moors. Now this  
provision and the discipline of the young  
Lady (who after she was a little grown  
up was committed to an ancient Tutor)  
continued all the first Age; with many  
very fine and landable sports besides.

In the interlude a Lyon and Griffon  
were set at one another, to fight, and  
the Lyon got the victory; which was also  
a pretty sight.

In the second Age, the Moor, a very  
black treacherous Fellow, came forth  
also; who having with vexation un-  
derstood that his Murder was disco-  
vered, and that too a little Lady was  
crasily stolen from him; began there-  
upon to consult how by stratagem he  
might



might be able to encounter so powerful an adversary, whereof he was at length advised by certain *Fugitives* who by reason of Famine fled to him: So the young Lady contrary to all mens expectation, fell again into his Hands: Whom, had he not been wonderfully deceived by his own Servants, he had like to have caused to be slain. Thus this *Act* too was concluded with a marvelous triumph of the *Moore*.

In the third *Act* a great *Army* on the *King's* party was raised against the *Moore*, and put under the conduct of an anti-ent valiant Knight, who fell into the *Moore's* Country, till at length he forceably rescued the young Lady out of the Tower, and Apparrelled her a new. After this in a *trice* they erected a glorious Scaffold, and placed their young Lady upon it: presently came *twelve* Royal Embassadors, amongst whom the fore-mentioned Knight made a Speech, alledging that the King his most gracious Lord had not only heretofore delivered her from death, and even hitherto caused her to be royally brought up (though she had not behaved her self altogether as became her) But moreover his Royal

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Majesty

Majesty had, before others, elected her, to be a Spouse for the young Lord his Son; and most graciously desired that the said espousals might be really executed in case they would be sworn to his Majesty upon the following Articles. Hereupon out of a Patent he caused certain glorious conditions to be read, which if it were not too long, were well worthy to be here recounted. In brief, the young Lady took an Oath inviolably to observe the same; returning thanks withal in most seemly sort for this so high a Grace. Whereupon they began to sing to the Praise of God, of the King, and the young Lady; and so for this time departed.

*Interludium*

For sport, in the mean while, the four Beasts of **Danſel**, as he saw them in the Vision, and hath at large described them, were brought in, all which had its certain *signification*.

*Actus 4.*

In the fourth *Act* the young Lady was again restored to her lost Kingdom, and Crowned, and for a space, in this array, conducted about the place with extraordinary joy: after this many & various Embassadors presented themselves, not only to wish her prosperity, but also to

to behold her Glory. Yet it was not long that she preserved her Integrity, but soon began again to look wantonly about her, and to wink at the Ambassadors and Lords; wherein she truly acted her part to the Life.

These her manners were soon known to the *Moore*, who would by no means neglect such an opportunity, and because her Steward had not sufficient regard to her, she was easily blinded with great promises, so that she had no good confidence in her King, but privily submitted her self to the intire disposal of the *Moore*. Hereupon the *Moore* made haste, and having (by her consent) gotten her into his Hands, he gave her good words so long till all her Kingdom had subjected it self to him: After which in the third Scene of this *Act*, he caused her to be led forth, and first to be stripe stark naked, and then upon a scurvy wooden Scaffold to be bound to a Post, and well scourged, and at last sentenced to *Death*. This was so woful a Spectacle, that it made the Eyes of many to run over. Hereupon thus naked as she was, she was cast into Prison, there to expect her *Death*, which was

to be procured by *Peyson*, which yet killed her not, but made her Leprous all over : Thus this *Act* was for the most part lamentable.

*Interludium.*

Between, they brought forth *Sebuchadnezzar's* Image, which was adorn'd with all manner of Arms, on the Head, Breast, Belly, Legs and Feet, and the like ; of which too more shall be spoken in the future explication.

*Actus. 5.*

In the fifth *Act* the young King was acquainted with all that had passed between the *Moore* and his future Spouse, who first interceded with his Father for her, intreating that she might not be left in that condition ; which his Father having agreed to, Embassadors were dispatched to comfort her in her Sicknes and Captivity, but yet withal to give her notice of her inconsiderateness. But she would not yet receive them, but consented to be the *Moore's Concubine*, which was also done, and the young King was acquainted with it.

*Interludium.*

After this comes a band of Fools, each of which brought with him a Cudgel, where with in a trice they made a great Globe of the World, and as soon undid it again. It was a fine sportive Phantse.

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In the sixth *Act* the young King resolved to bid battle to the *Moore*, which also was done. And albeit the *Moore* was discomfitted, yet all held the young King too for dead. At length he came to himself again, released his Spouse, and committed her to his Steward and Chaplain.

The first whereof tormented her mightily, at last the leaf turned over, and the Priest was so insolently wicked, that he would needs be above all, until the same was reported to the young King, who hastily dispatched one who broke the Neck of the Priest's mightiness, and adorned the Bride in some measure for the Nuptials.

After the *Act* a vast artificial *Elephant* interludium was brought forth. He carried a great Tower with Musicians: which was also well-pleasing to all.

In the last *Act* the Bride-groom appeared in such pomp as is not well to be believed, and I was amazed how it was brought to pass: The Bride met him in the like Solemnity: Whereupon all the People cried out *VIVAT SPONSUS, VIVAT SPONSA*. So that by this Comedy they did with all congratulate our King and Queen in the

Actus. 6.

Act. 7.

Comedorum  
applausus  
erga Regem  
& Regi-  
nam.

most stately manner: Which (as I well observed) pleased them most extraordinary well.

At length they made some paces about the stage in such Procession, till at last they altogether began thus to Sing.

Cantilem.

*This time full of love  
Does our joy much improve  
Because of the King's Nuptial;  
And therefore let's Sing  
That from all parts it may ring:  
Blest be he that granted us all.  
The Bride most exquisitely faire  
Whom we attended with long care  
To him in troth's now plightred:  
We fully have at length obtain'd,  
The same for which we did contend  
He's happy, that's fore-sighten.*

III

*Now the Parents Kind and good  
By intreaties are subdu'd;  
Long enough in bold was she mov'd  
In honour increase,  
Till Thousands arise  
And spring from your own proper Blood.*

Epilogm.

After this thanks were returned, and  
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the Comedy was finished with joy, and the particular good liking of the Royal Persons wherefore (the Evening also being already hard by) they departed together in their fore-mentioned order: But we were to attend the Royal Persons up the winding Stairs into the forementioned Hall, where the Tables were already richly furnished, and this was the first time that we were invited to the Kings table. The little Altar was placed in the midst of the Hall, and the six fore-named Royal Ensignes were laid on it. At this time the young King behaved himself very graciously towards us, but yet he could not be heartily Merry; But howbeit he now and then discoursed a little with us, yet he often sighed, at which the little Cupid only mocked, and playd his waggish tricks. The old King and Queen were very serious, only the *Wife* of one of the ancient Kings was gay enough, the cause whereof I yet understood not. During this, the Royal Persons took up the first Table, at the second we only Sate. At the third, some of the principal Virgins placed themselves: The rest of the Virgins, and Men, were all fain to

Hospites invitantur ad cenam Regis et Reginae.

Rex Adolescent.

Reges Adulti.

Ordo discumbentium.

wait. This was performed with such state and solemn stilness, that I am afraid to make many words of it. Here I cannot leave untouched how that all the Royal Persons, before Meat, attired themselves in *Snow-white* glittering Garments, and so sate down to Table. Over the Table hang the fore-mentioned great Golden Crown, the pretious Stones whereof, without any other Light, would have sufficiently Illuminated the Hall. However all the Lights were kindled at the *small Taper* upon the Altar ; what the reason was I did not certainly know. But this I took very good notice of, that the young King frequently sent Meat to the white *Serpent* upon the little Altar, which caused me to muse. Almost all the Prattle at this Banquet was made by little Cupid, who could not leave us (and me indeed especially) untormented. He was perpetually producing some *Strange* matter. However, there was no considerable Mirth, all went silently on ; from whence I, by my self, could imagin some great imminent Peril. For there was no Musick at all heard ; but if we were demanded any thing,  
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Ornatus  
vestium.

Ornatus  
vestium.

Coron  
Super  
Meniam.

Cupido was  
the Mischief.



we were fain to give short round answers, and so let it rest. In short, all things had so strange a face, that the *sweat* began to trickle down all over my Body; and I am apt to believe that the stout-heartedst Man alive would then have lost his courage. Supper being now almost ended, the young King commanded the Book to be reached him from the little Altar. This he opened, and caused it once again by an old Man to be propounded to us, whether we resolved to abide with him in *Prosperity* and *Adversity*; which we having with trembling consented to, he further caused us sadly to be demanded, whether we would give him our Hands on it, which, when we could find no evasion, was fain so to be. Hereupon one after another arose, and with his own Hand writ himself down in this Book. When this also was performed, the little *Chrystal Fountain*, together with a very small *Chrystal Glas* was brought near, out of which all the Royal Persons one after another *Drank*, afterwards it was reached so us too, and so forward to all Persons, and this was called, *the Draught of Silence*. Hereupon all the

Sermo  
breves

Oratio Re-  
gis Adolef-  
centis.

A Health.

Haustus  
de silentio.

Royal

Fidejubetur  
Virg. Lucif.

Mors Re-  
galorum.

Royal Persons presented us their Hands, declaring that in case we did not now stick to them, we should now and never more hereafter see them; which verily made our Eyes run over. But our president engaged her self and promised very largely on our behalf, which gave them Satisfaction. Mean time a little Bell was tolled, at which all the Royal Persons waxed so mighty bleak, that we were ready utterly to despair. They quickly put off their white Garments again, and put on intirely black ones; The whole Hall likewise was hung about with black Velvet, the Floor was covered with black Velvet, with which also the Cieling above (all this being before Prepared) was overspread. After that the Tables were also removed away, and all had seated themselves round about upon the Form, and we also had put on black habits; in comes our President again, who was before gone out, and brought with her six black Taffata Scarffs, with which she bound the six Royal Persons Eyes. Now when they could no longer see, there were immediately brought in by the Servants six covered Coffins, and set

set down in the Hall, also a low black  
 Seat placed in the midst. Finally, there  
 stept in a very *cole-black* tall Man, who  
 bare in his hand a sharp Ax. Now af-  
 ter that the old King had been first  
 brought to the Seat, his *Head* was in-  
 stantly whipt off, and wrapped up in a  
 black Cloth, but the *Blood* was received  
 into a great *golden Goblet*, and placed  
 with him in the Coffin that stood by,  
 which being covered, was set aside.  
 Thus it went with the rest also, so  
 that I thought it would at length have  
 come to me too, but it did not; For as  
 soon as the six *Royal Persons* were Be-  
 headed, the black Man went out again;  
 after whom another followed, who  
 Beheaded him too just before the Door,  
 and brought back his Head together  
 with the Ax, which were laid in a  
 little Chest. This indeed to me seem-  
 ed a bloody Wedding, but because I  
 could not tell what would yet be the  
 event, I was fain for that time to cap-  
 tivate my understanding until I were  
 further resolved. For the Virgin too,  
 seeing that some of us were faint-hearted  
 and wept, bid us be content. For,  
 said she to us, *The Life of these slanderous solatium*

De collatio  
 Regum.

Carnificis.

Hospites  
 Marcent.

NOTA

Cura No-  
cturna mor-  
tuorum.

Hospites  
sunt cubi-  
tum.

Cubiculum

Visionem  
nocturnam.

now in your hands, and in case you follow me, this Death shall make many alive. Herewith she intimated we should go sleep, & trouble our selves no further on our part, for they should be sure to have their due right; And so she bad us all good night, saying, *That she must watch the dead Corps this night*: We did so, and were each of us conducted by our Pages into our Lodgings. My Page talked with me of sundry and various matters (which I still very well remember) and gave me cause enough to admire at his understanding: But his intention was to lull me asleep, which at last I well observed, whereupon I made as though I was fast asleep, but no sleep came into my Eyes, and I could not put the Be-headed out of my mind. Now my Lodging was directly over against the great Lake, so that I could well look upon it, the Windows being nigh the Bed. About midnight, as soon as it had struck twelve, on a sudden I espied on the Lake a great Fire, wherefore out of fear I quickly opened the Window to see what would become of it; Then from far I saw seven Ships making forward, which were all stuck full

full of Lights. Above on the top of each of them hovered a *Flame*, that passed to and fro, and sometimes descended quite down, so that I could lightly judge that it must needs be the *Spirits* of the Beheaded. Now these Ships gently approached to Land, and each of them had no more than one Mariner. As soon as they were now gotten to Shore, I presently espied our Virgin with a *Torch* going towards the Ships, after whom the six covered Coffins, together with the little Chest, were carried; and each of them privily laid in a Ship. Wherefore I awaked my Page too, who hugely thanked me, for having run much up and down all the day, he might quite have over-slept this, tho' he well knew it. Now as soon as the Coffins were laid in the Ships, all the Lights were extinguished, and the six *Flames* passed back together over the *Lake*, so that there was no more but one Light in each Ship for a Watch. There were also some hundreds of Watch-men who had encamped themselves on the Shore, and sent the Virgin back again into the Castle, who carefully bolted all up again; so

Cadavera  
archuntur  
translacum.

Auter folus  
hac ydit.

so that I could well judge that there was nothing more to be done this night; but that we must expect the day; so we again betook our selves to rest. And I only of all my Company had a Chamber towards the Lake, and saw this, so that now I was also extream weary, and so fell asleep in my manifold Speculations.

### *The fifth Day.*

Obazabula  
morantelo  
caca.

**T**He night was over, and the dear wished for day broken, when hastily, I got me out of the Bed, more desirous to learn what might yet insue, than that I had sufficiently slept; Now after that I had put on my Cloaths, and according to my custom, was gone down the Stairs, it was still too early, and I found no body else in the Hall, wherefore I intreated my Page to lead me a little about in the Castle, and shew me somewhat that was rare, who was now (as always) willing, and presently lead me down certain steps under ground, to a great Iron Door, on which the following Words in great Copper Letters, were fixed.

This

Wz p 82gg dpgsxdpo

VENVS

d'z p b h o o f s x w b o o x o i s p o

H o p o o x o

v o d g s v k p h s b p g p o v o o w o s f x s g  
g p d s x i h g h x g g

This I thus copied, and set down in my Table-Book. Now after this Door was opened, the Page led me by the hand through a very dark Passage, till we came again to a very little Door, that was now only put too, For (as the Page informed me) it was first opened but yesterday when the Coffins were taken out, and had not been since shut. Now as soon as we stepped in, I espied the most pretious thing that Nature ever created: For this Vault had no other light but from certain huge great *Carbuncles*; And this (as I was informed) was the *King's Treasury*. But the most glorious and principal thing, that I here saw, was a *Sepulcher* (which stood in the middle) so rich that I wondered it was no better guarded; where-

Thalamus  
Veneris se-  
pulture.

[Theaurus]  
Regis.

Descriptio  
Sepulchri.

Aliud Tri-  
clinium.

unto the Page answered me, *That I had good reason to be thankful to my Planet, by whose influence it was, that I had now seen certain pieces which no humane Eye else (except the King's Family) had ever had a view of.* This Sepulcher was triangular, and had in the middle of it a Kettle of polished Copper, the rest was of pure Gold and pretious Stones; In the Kettle stood an Angel, who held in his Arms an unknown Tree, from which it continually dropped into the Kettle; and as oft as the Fruit fell into the Kettle, it turned into *Water* too, and ran out from thence into three small Golden Kettles standing by. This little Altar was supported by these three Animals, an *Eagle*, an *Ox* and a *Lyon*, which stood on an exceeding costly Base. I asked my Page what this might signifie: *Here*, said he, *lies Buried Lady Venus, that Beauty which hath undone many a great Man, both in Fountune, Honour, Blessing and Prosperity.* After which he shewed me a Copper Door on the Pavement. *Here* (said he) *if you please, we may go further down; I still follow you* (replied I) so I went down the steps, where it was exceeding dark, but the Page immediately



diately opened a little Chest, wherein stood a small *ever-burning Taper*, at which he kindled one of the many Torches which lay by. I was mightily terrified, and seriously asked how he durst do this? He gave me for answer, *As long as the Royal Persons are still at rest, I have nothing to fear.* Herewith I espied a rich Bed ready made, hung about with curious Curtains, one of which he drew, where I saw the Lady *Venus stark-naked* (for he heaved up the Coverlets too) lying there in such Beauty, and a fashion so surprizing, that I was almost besides my self, neither do I yet know whether it was a piece thus Carved, or an humane Corps that lay dead there; For she was altogether immoveable, and yet I durst not touch her. So she was again covered, and the Curtain drawn before her, yet she was still (as it were) in my Eye. But I soon espied behind the Bed a Table, on which it was thus written.

Descriptio  
corporis  
Veneris dormi-  
entis.

wxö t p f s u h g ö p z ö y b  
 d x v ö s w r s g v ö s s p ö b b  
 u p s b h ö p s t p ö, w p s b p v h  
 x u f w x h p ö v ö b p z ö  
 ö u g p s t p z ö p z ö p b  
 k ö ö z g b

I asked my Page concerning this  
 Writing, but he laughed, with pro-  
 mise that I should know it too. So he  
 putting out the Torch, we again ascend-  
 ed: Then I better viewed all the lit-  
 tle Doors; and first found, that on e-  
 very corner there burned a small Taper  
 of Pyrites, of which I had before ta-  
 ken no notice; for the Fire was so clear,  
 that it looked much liker a Stone than  
 a Taper. From this heat the Tree was  
 forced continually to melt, yet it still  
 produced new Fruit. Now behold (said  
 the Page) what I heard revealed to the  
 King by Atlas, When the Tree (said he)  
 shall be quite melted down, Then shall Lady  
 Venus awake, and be the Mother of a King.

Whilst

Arboris ca-  
 lor ex faci-  
 bus.

Whilst he was thus speaking, in flew the little Cupid; who at first was somewhat abashed at our presence, but seeing us both look more like the Dead than the Living, he could not at length refrain from Laughing, *Demanded what Spirit had brought me thither, whom I with trembling answered, that I had lost my way in the Castle, and was by chance come hither, and that the Page likewise had been looking up and down for me, and at last lited upon me here, I hoped he would not take it amiss. Nay then 'tis well enough yet, said Cupid, my old basie Granfir, but you might lightly have served me a scurvy trick, had you been aware of this Door. Now I must look better to it, and so he put a strong Lock on the Copper Door, where we before descended. I thanked God that he lited upon us no sooner, my Page too was the more jocond, because I had so well helped him at this pinch. Yet can I not (said Cupid) let it pass unrevenged, that you were so near stumbling upon my dear Mother; with that he put the point of his Dart into one of the little Tapers, and heating it a little, pricked me with it on the hand, which at that time I lit-*

Mulca fa-  
cta hujus  
obambulati-  
onis.

obliqua  
motu

obliqua  
motu

obliqua  
motu

He regarded, but was glad that it went  
 so well with us, and that we came off  
 without further danger. Mean time my  
 Companions were gotten out of Bed  
 too, and were again returned into the  
 Hall. To whom I also joyned my self,  
 making as if I were then first risen.  
 After Cupid had carefully made all fast  
 again, he came likewise to us, and  
 would needs have me shew him my  
 hand, where he still found a little drop  
 of blood, at which he heartily laughed,  
 and bad the rest have a care of me; I  
 would shortly end my days. We all  
 wondered how Cupid could be so merry,  
 and have no sence at all of the yester-  
 day's sad passages. But he was no whit  
 troubled. Now our President had in  
 the mean time made her self ready for  
 the Journey, coming in all in black Vel-  
 vet, yet she still bare her branch of Lau-  
 rel, her Virgins too had their Branches.  
 Now, all things being in readines, the  
 Virgin bid us first drink somewhat, and  
 then presently prepare for the proces-  
 sion, wherefore we made no long tar-  
 rying, but followed her out of the  
 Hall into the Court. In the Court stood  
 six Cosses, and my Companions thought  
 no other but that the six Royal Persons  
 lay

Cupido illu-  
 dit Auctori.

Mira Cupi-  
 dinis lætitia.

Præfidiæ  
 Vestitus lu-  
 gubris.

lay in them, but I well observed the device. Yet I knew not what was to be done with these other. By each Coffin were eight *muffled* Men. Now as soon as the Musick went (it was so mournful & dolesome a tune, that I was astonished at it) they took up the Coffins, and we (as we were ordered) were fain to go after them into the formentioned Garden, in the midst of which was erected a wooden Edifice, having round about the Roof a glorious Crown, and standing upon *seven* Columns; within it were formed six Sepulchers, and by each of them a stone, but in the middle it had a round hollow rising stone: In these Graves the Coffins were quietly and with many Cerimonies layed: The stones were shov-  
ed over them, and they shut fast. But the little Chest was to lie in the middle. Herewith were my Companions deceived, for they imagined no other but that the Dead Corps were there. Upon the top of all there was a great Flag, having a *Phanix* painted on it, perhaps therewith the more to delude us. Here I had great occasion to thank God that I had seen more than the rest. Now af-  
ter the Funerals were done, the Virgin,

Hospites Vo-  
cantur ad la-  
bores provi-  
tā Regum.

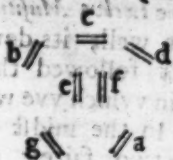
having placed her self upon the middle-  
 most Stone, made a short Oration, *That*  
*we should be constant to our engagements,*  
*and not repine at the pains we were hereafter*  
*to undergo, but be helpful in restoring the*  
*present buried Royal Persons to Life again,*  
*and therefore without delay to rise up with*  
*her, to make a Journey to the Tower of*  
*Olympus, to fetch from thence Medicines*  
*useful and necessary for this purpose.* This  
 we soon agreed to, and followed her  
 through another little door quite to the  
 Shore. There the seven fore-mention-  
 ed Ships stood all empty; on which all  
 the Virgins stuck up their *Laurel*  
*Branches,* and after they had distributed  
 us in the six Ships, they caused us in  
 Gods name; thus to begin our Voyage,  
 and looked upon us as long as they could  
 have us in sight, after which they with  
 all the Watch-men returned into the  
 Castle. Our Ships had each of them a  
 peculiar device. Five of them indeed  
 had the five *regular Bodies,* each a sever-  
 al one, but mine in which the Virgin  
 too sate, carried a Globe. Thus we  
 sailed on in a singular order, and each  
 had only two Mariners. Foremost went  
 the Ship *a,* in which, as I conceive the  
 Moor

Virgines re-  
 manent in  
 ship.

*Moor* lay, in this were twelve *Musitians*,  
 who played excellent well, its device  
 was a Pyramid. Next followed three  
 a breast, *b*, *c*, and *d*, in vvhich vve were  
 disposed, I sate in *c*. In the midst be-  
 hind these came the two fairest and  
 stateliest Ships, *e* and *f*, stuck about  
 with many Branches of Laurel, having  
 no Passengers in them; their Flags were  
 the *Sun* and *Moon*. But in the rear on-  
 ly one Ship *g*, in this vvere Forty *Vir-*  
*gins*. Now being thus passed over this  
 Lake, we first came through a narrow  
 Arm, into the right Sea, where all the  
 Syrens, Nymphs, and Sea-Goddesses had  
 attended us; wherefore they immedi-  
 ately dispatched a Sea-Nymph to us to  
 deliver their Present and Offering of  
 Honour to the Wedding. It was a  
 costly, great, set, round, and Orient  
 Pearl; the like to vvhich hath not at a-  
 ny time been seen, either in ours, or  
 yet in the new World. Now the Vir-  
 gin having friendly received it, the  
 Nymph further intreated that audience  
 might be given to their Divertisements,  
 and to make a little stand, vvhich the  
 Virgin vvas content to do, and com-  
 manded the two great Ships to stand

40 Virgines  
 cornices.

Excipiantur  
 a Nymphis.



into the middle; and  
with the rest to in-  
compass them in  
Pentagon. After  
which the Nymphs  
fell into a ring a-  
bout them, and with a most delicate  
sweet voice began thus to sing.

## I

There's nothing better here below  
Than beautrons, noble, Love;  
Whereby we like to God do grow,  
And none to grief do move.  
Wherefore let's chant it to the King,  
That all the Sea thereof may ring.  
We question; Answer you.

## II

What was it that at first us made?  
'Twas Love.  
And what hath Grace a fresh convey'd?  
'Tis Love.  
Whence was't (pray tell us) we were born?  
Of Love  
How came we then again forlorn?  
Sans Love.

## III.

Who was it (say) that us conceived?  
'Twas Love.

Who



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Who Suckled, Nursed, and Reliev'd?

'Twas Love.

What is it we to our Parents owe?

'Tis Love.

Why do they us such kindness show?

Of Love.

IV

Who get's herein the Victory?

'Tis Love.

Can Love by search obtained be?

By Love.

How may a Man good works perform?

Through Love.

Who into one can two transform?

'Tis Love.

V

Then let our Song sound,

Till it's Eccho rebound.

To Loves honour and praise,

Which may ever encrease

With our noble Princes, the King, & the Queen,

The Soul is departed, their Body's within.

VI

And as long as we live,

God graciously give;

That as great Love and Amity,

They bear each other mightily:

So we likewise, by Loves own Flame,

May reconjoyn them once again.

VII

Then this annoy

Into great Joy

(If many thousand younglings deign)  
Shall change, and ever so remain.

Autori per-  
piacent  
Nymphæ  
et cantus.

The Nymphs  
are reward-  
ed.

Autori de-  
sunt adhuc  
duo.

They having with most admira-  
ble concert and melody finished this  
Song, I no more Wondred at *Ulysses*  
for stopping the Ears of his Com-  
panions; for I seemed to my self  
the most unhappy man alive, that  
Nature had not made me too so  
trim a creature. But the *Virgin* soon  
dispatched them, and commanded to  
set Sail from thence; wherefore the  
Nymphs too after they had been pre-  
sented with a long red Scarff for a gra-  
tuity; went off, and dispersed them-  
selves in the Sea. I was at this time  
sensible, that *Cupid* began to work with  
me too, which yet tended but very lit-  
tle to my Credit, and for as much as  
my giddiness is likely to be nothing be-  
neficial to the Reader, I am resolved to  
let it rest as it is. But this was the ve-  
ry wound that in the first Book I re-  
ceived on the head in a Dream: and  
let every one take warning by me of  
loitering

loitering about *Venus's* Bed, for *Cupid* can by no means brook it. After some Hours, having in friendly discourses made a good way, we came within Ken of the Tower of *Olympus*, wherefore the Virgin commanded by the discharge of some Pieces to give the signal of our approach, which was also done; And immediately we espyed a great *white* Flag thrust out, and a small gilded Pinnacle sent forth to meet us. Now as soon as this was come to us, we perceived in it a very ancient man, the Warden of the Tower, with certain Guards cloathed in *white*, of whom we were Friendly received, and so conducted to the Tower. This Tower was Situated upon an *Island* exactly square, which was invironed with a Wall so firm and thick, that I my self counted two hundred and *sixty* passes over. On the other side of the wall was a fine Meadow with certain little Gardens, in which grew strange, and to me unknown, Fruits; and then again an inner Wall round about the Tower. The Tower of it self was just as if *seven round Towers* had been built one by another, yet the middlemost was

Turris  
Olympi.

Custos.

Structura.

Dies.

some-

Somewhat the higher, and within they all entred one into another, and had seven Storys one above another. Being thus come to the Gates of the Tower, we were led a little aside on the Wall, that so, as I well observed, the Coffins might be brought into the Tower without our taking notice; of this the rest knew nothing. This being done, we were conducted into the Tower at the very bottom, which albeit it were excellently painted, yet we had here little recreation, for this was nothing but a *Laboratory*, where we were faine to beat and wash Plants, and pretious Stones, and all Sorts of Things, and extract their Juice and Essence, and put up the same in Glasses, and deliver them to be laid up. And truly our Virgin was so busie with us, and so full of her directions, that she knew how to give each of us employment enough, so that in this Island we were faine to be meer drudges, till we had atcheived all that was necessary for the restoring of the Be-headed Bodies. Mean time (as I afterwards understood) three Virgins were in the first Apartment washing the Corps with all diligence. Now having

at

1. Concloave

Labores  
hospitum

virginum

at length almost done with this our preparation, nothing more was brought us, but some breath with a little draught of Wine, whereby I well observed, that we were not here for our pleasure; for when we had finished our day's work too, every one had only a Mattress laid on the Ground for him, wherewith we were to content our selves. For my part I was not very much troubled with sleep, and therefore walked out into the Garden, and at length came as far as the Wall; and because the Heaven was at that time very clear, I could well drive away the time in contemplating the Stars; By chance I came to a great pair of Stone-Stairs, which led up to the top of the Wall. And because the Moon shone very bright, I was so much the more confident, and went up, and looked too a little upon the Sea, which was now exceeding calm; and thus having good opportunity to consider better of Astronomy, I found that this present Night there would happen such a conjunction of the Planets, the like to which was not otherwise suddenly to be observed. Now having looked a good while into the Sea, and it being just about

Cibus  
PonsLectus.  
tenuis.Autor Spe-  
culatur ca-  
lum pro-  
somno.

bout Midnight, as soon as it had struck  
 Twelve, I beheld from far the *seven*  
*Flames* passing over Sea hitherward, and  
 betaking themselves to the top of the  
 Spire of the Tower. This made me  
 somewhat affraid; for as soon as the  
 Flames had settled themselves, the  
 Winds arose, and began to make the  
 Sea very Tempestuous. The Moon al-  
 so was Covered with clouds, and my  
 joy ended with such fear, that I had  
 scarce time enough to hit upon the Stair's  
 again, and betake my self again to the  
 Tower. Now whether the Flames  
 tarried any longer, or passed via-  
 way again, I cannot say: For in this  
 obscurity I durst no more venture a-  
 broad: So I laid me down upon my  
 Mattress, and there being besides in the  
 Laboratory a pleasant and gently purling  
 Fountain, I fell a Sleep so much the  
 sooner. And thus this fifth day too was  
 concluded with Wonders.

The

*The Sixth Day.*

**N**Ext morning, after we had awak-  
 ed one another, we sate together  
 a while to discourse what might yet be  
 the event of things. For some were of  
 opinion that they should all be inlivened  
 again together. Others contradicted  
 it, because the decease of the ancients  
 was not only to restore life, but increase  
 too to the young ones. Some imagined  
 that they were not put to death, but  
 that others were beheaded in their stead.  
 We having now talked together a pret-  
 ty while. in comes the Old Man to us,  
 and first saluting us, looks about him  
 to see if all things were ready, and the  
 processen enough done. We had herein  
 so behaved our selves, that he had no  
 fault to find with our diligence, where-  
 upon he placed all the Glasses together,  
 and put them into a case. Presently  
 come certain youths bringing with them  
 some *Ladders*, *Ropes*, and large *Wings*,  
 which they laid down before us, and  
 departed. Then the old Man began  
 thus.

De sine offe-  
 dubie opi-  
 niones.

Custors.

pyrotechnia  
 hospitum  
 laudatur

pueri  
 armiteri.

thus. My Dear Sons, one of these three things must each of you this day constantly bear about with him. Now it is free for you either to make a choice of one of them, or to cast lots about it. We replied, we would choose. Nay; said he, let it rather go by lot. Hereupon he made three little Schedules, in one he writ *Ladder*, on the second *Rope*, on the third *Wings*; These he laid in an Hat, and each man must draw, and whatever he happened upon, that was to be his. Those who got the *Ropes*, imagined themselves to be in the best case, but I chanced on a *Ladder*, which hugely afflicted me, for it was twelve-foot long, and pretty weighty, and I must be forced to carry it, whereas the others could handsomely coyle their *Ropes* about them; and as for the *Wings*, the old Man joyned them so neatly on to the third sort, as if they had grown upon them. Hereupon he turned the Cock, and then the Fountain ran no longer, and we were fain to remove it, from the middle out of the way. After all things were carried off, he taking with him the Casket with the Glasses, took leave, and locked



ed the Door fast after him, so that we imagined no other but that we had been imprisoned in this Tower. But it was hardly a quarter of an Hour before a round Hole at the very top was uncovered,

Alcansua  
in 2. ( on  
clave.

where we saw our Virgin, who called to us, and bad us good Morrow, desiring us to come up. They with the Wings were instantly above through the hole. Only they with the Ropes were in evil plight. For as soon as ever one of us was up, he was commanded to draw up the Ladder to him. At last each mans Rope was hanged on an Iron Hook, so every one was fain to climb up by his Rope as well as he could,

Refis  
difficultas

which indeed was not compassed without Blisters. Now as soon as we were all well up, the hole was again covered, and we were friendly received by the Virgin. This Room was the whole breadth of the Tower it self, having

Six very stately *Vestries* a little raised above the Room, and to be entred by the ascent of three Steps. In these *Vestries* we were distributed, there to pray for the Life of the King and Queen, mean while the Virgin went in and out at the little Door, till we had done.

Descriptio  
2 Conclav.

For as soon as our process was absolved,

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there

there was brought in, and placed in the middle through the little Door, by twelve persons (which were formerly our Musicians) a wonderful thing of a *longish* shape, which my Companions took only to be a Fountain. But I well observed that the *Corps's* lay in it, for the inner Chest was of an oval Figure, so large that six Persons might well lie in it one by another. After which they again went forth, fetched their Instruments, and conducted in our Virgin, together with her she-attendants, with a most delicate noise of Musick. The Virgin carried a little Casket, but the rest only Branches, and small Lamps, and some too lighted Torches. The Torches were immediately given into our Hands, and we were to stand about the Fountain in this order.

The little  
Casket.

Orde chori.

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o o o o o o o o

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o o o o o o o o d

First stood the *Vir-*  
gin A with her at-  
tendants in a Ring  
round about with  
the Lamps & bran-  
ches, next stood we  
with our Torches b,  
then the *Musicians* a  
in a long rank, last

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of all the rest of the Virgins <sup>d</sup> in another long rank too. Now whence the Virgins came, or whether they dwelt in the Castle, or whether they were brought in by night, I know not, for all their Faces were covered with delicate white Linnen, so that I could not know any of them. Hereupon the Virgin opened the Casket, in which there was a round thing wrapped up in a piece of green double Taffata. This she laid in the uppermost Kettle, and then covered it with the lid, which was full of holes, and had besides a Rim, on which she poured in some of the Water which we had the day before prepared, whence the Fountain began immediately to run, and through four small Pipes to drive into the little Kettle; beneath the undermost Kettle there were many sharp points, on which the Virgins stuck their Lamps, that so the heat might come to the Kettle, and make the Water Seeth. Now the Water beginning to Simper, by many little holes at *a*, it fell in upon the Bodies, and was so hot, that it dissolved them all, and turned them into Liquor. But what the abovesaid round wrapt up thing was, my Companions knew not, but I understood

Virgines  
unde.

Quid in ar-  
cula.

Rami lan-  
ces.

Delicie in  
Coulavi



that it was the Moor's Head, from which  
the Water conceived so great heat.  
At b round about the great Kettle,  
there were again many holes, in which  
they stuck their Branches; now whe-  
ther this was done of necessity, or only  
for Ceremony, I know not; However,  
these Branches were continually be-  
sprinkled by the Fountain, whence it  
afterwards dropt somewhat of a deeper  
Yellow into the Kettle. This lasted for  
near two Hours, that the Fountain still  
constantly ran of it self; but yet the  
longer, the fainter it was. Mean time  
the Musicians went their vway, and vve  
walked up and down in the Room; and  
truly the Room was so made, that we  
had opportunity enough to pass away  
our time: There was, for Images,  
Paintings, Clock-works, Organs, Spring-  
ing Fountains, and the like, nothing  
forgotten. Now it was near the time  
that the Fountain ceased, and would  
run no longer: upon which the Virgin  
commanded a round Golden Globe to  
be brought. But at the bottom of the  
Fountain there was a Tap, by which  
she let out all the matter that was dis-  
solved by those hot Drops (whereof cer-  
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tain quarts were then *very Red*) into the Globe. The rest of the Water which remained above in the Kettle, was poured out. And so this Fountain (which was now become much lighter) was again carried forth. Now whether it was opened abroad; or whether any thing of the Bodies that was further useful, yet remained, I dare not certainly say: But this I know, that the Water that was emptied into the Globe was much *heavier* then *six*, or yet *Gravitas* more of us were well able to bear, *aquæ*. be it for its bulk it should have seemed not too heavy for one man. Now this Globe being with much ado gotten out of Doors, we again sat alone. But I perceiving a trampling over head, had an Eye to my Ladder. Hear one might take notice of the strange opinions my Companions had concerning this Fountain: For they not imagining but that the Bodies lay in the Garden of the Castle, knew not what to make of this kind of working, but I thanked God that I awaked in so opportune a time, and saw that which helped me the better in all the Virgins business. After one quarter of an hour the cover

R 4: (see above)

Autor solus  
nobis vere  
equæ agere  
cur.

Ascensus in  
3. Conclave.

above was again lifted of, and we commanded to come up, which was done as before vvith Wings, Ladders, and Ropes. And it did not a little vex me, that vvhereas the Virgins could go up another vvay, vve vvere fain to take so much toil; yet I could vvell judge there must be some *special* reason in it, and vve must leave somevvhat for the *Old Man* to do too. For even those vvith the Wings had no advantage by them but vvhen they vvere to mount through the Hole. Nowv being gotten up thither also, and the Hole shut again, I sawv the Globe hanging by a strong Chain in the middle of the Room. In this Room vvvas nothing else but meet Windovvs, and still betveen two *Windows* there vvvas a Door, vvwhich vvvas covered vvith nothing but a great polished Looking-Glass; and these Windovvs and Looking-Glasses were so optically opposed one to another, that although the Sun (vvwhich nowv shined exceeding bright) beat only upon one Door, yet (after the Windovvs towards the Sun vvere opened, and the Doors before the Looking-Glasses dravvn aside) in all quarters of the Room

Descriptio  
conclavis.

Artif optie.

Room there vvas nothing but *Suns*,  
 vvhich by artificial *Refractions* beat upon  
 the vvhole golden Globe hanging in the  
 midst; and for as much as the same  
 (besides that brightness) vvas polished,  
 it gave such a Lustre, that none of us  
 could open our Eyes, but vvhere there-  
 fore forced to look out at Windowvs till  
 the Globe vvas vvell heated, and  
 brought to the desired effect. Here I  
 may vvell avovv that in these Mirrours  
 I have seen the most vvonderful Specta-  
 cle that ever Nature brought to light;  
 for there were Suns in all places, and the  
 Globe in the middle shined yet brighter,  
 so that, but for one twinkling of an  
 Eye, we could no more indure it than  
 the Sun it self. At length the Virgin  
 commanded to shut up the Looking-  
 Glasses again, and to make fast the  
 Windowvs, and so let the Globe cool  
 again a little; and this vvas done about  
 seven of the Clock. Wherefore vve  
 thought good, since vve might now  
 have leisure a little to refresh our selves  
 vvith a Breakfast: This Treatment  
 again vvas right Philosophical, and vve  
 had no need to be affraid of Intempe-  
 rance, yet vve had no vvant. And the

Mirac. Spec.

Prandium  
Philosophi

hope of the future joy (vvith vvhich the Virgin continually comforted us) made us so iocund that vve regarded not any pains, or inconvenience. And this I can truly say too concerning my Companions of high quality, that their minds never ran after their *Kirehin* or *Table*, but their pleasure vvvas only to attend upon this adventurous Phisick, and hence to contemplate the Creator's Wisdom and Omnipotency. After vve had taken our Refection, we again settled our selves to work, for the Globe was sufficiently cooled; which vvith toil and labour we vvvere to lift off the Chain and set upon the Floor. Now the dispute was how to get the Globe in sunder, for we were commanded to divide the same in the midst. The conclusion was that a sharp pointed Diamond would best do it. Now when we had thus opened the Globe, there was nothing of *redness* more to be seen, but a lovely great snow-vvwhite Egg: It most mightily rejoyced us, that this was so vvell brought to pass. For the Virgin vvvas in perpetuall care, least the Shell might still be too tender. We stood round about this Egg as iocund as if

Resolutio  
Globs.



if vve our selves had laid it. But the  
 Virgin made it presently be carried  
 forth, and departed her self too from <sup>Ovum cari-</sup>  
 us again, and (as all vvays) locked the <sup>dium.</sup>  
 Door to. But vvhat she did abroad  
 vvith the Egg, or vvwhether it vvere  
 some vvay privately handled, I know  
 not, neither do I believe it. Yet vve  
 vvere again to pause together for one  
 quarter of an hour, till the third hole  
 vvere opened, and vve by means of our  
 instruments vvere come upon the fourth  
 Stone or Floor. In this Room vve <sup>4. Conclavē</sup>  
 found a great Copper Kettle filled  
 vvith *yellow Sand*, vvwhich vvvas vvwarmed  
 vvith a gentle Fire, aftervvards the  
 Egg vvvas raked up in it, that it might  
 therein come to perfect maturity. This  
 Kettle vvvas exactly square, upou one  
 side stood these tvvo verses, Writ in  
 great Letters.

O. B. I. T. O. B. I. T. M. I. L. I.  
 K. A. N. T. I. V. O. L. T. B. I. T. T. O. G. O. L. T.

On the second side vvere these three  
 Words.

SANITAS

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SANITAS NIX. HASTA.

The third had no more but this one  
Word.

F. I. A. T.

But on the hindermost part stood an  
intire Inscription running thus.

QVOD.

Ignis : Aer : Aqua : Terra :  
SANCTIS REGUM ET REGI-  
NARUM NOSTR:  
Cineribus.

Eripere non potuerunt.  
Fidelis Chymicorum Turba  
IN HANC URNAM  
Contulit.

Ad.

see. 44. xi. 0. H. 11. m. 25

Now whether the Sand or Egg were  
hereby meant, I leave to the learned  
to dispute, yet do I my part, and omit  
nothing undeclared. Our Egg being  
novv

now ready was taken out; But it needed no cracking, for the *Bird* that was in it soon freed himself, and shewed himself very jocond, yet he looked very Bloody and unshapen. We first set him upon the warm Sand, so the Virgin commanded, that before we gave him any thing to eat, we should be sure to make him fast, otherwise he would give us all work enough. This being done too, food was brought him, which surely was nothing else than the *Blood* of the Beheaded, deluted again with prepared water, by which the Bird grew so fast under our eyes, that we well saw why the Virgin gave us such warning of him. He bit and scratcht so devillishly about him, that could he have had his will upon any of us, he would soon have dispatched him. Now he was wholly *black*, and wild, wherefore other meat was brought him, perhaps the blood of another of the *Royal Persons*, whereupon all his black Feathers moulted again, and instead of them there grew out *Snow-white-Feathers*. He was somewhat tamer too, and suffered himself to be more tractable, nevertheless we did not yet trust him. At the third feed-

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Pallor im-  
plumis.

Vincitur.

Pascitur.  
sanguine.  
decollatorum.

Sanguine.  
alias Regis  
pascitur.

Iridefcit.

Liberatur.  
vinculis.Primus h-  
tus eius.

Mafolia

ing his Feathers began to be so curiously coloured, that in all my Life I never saw the like colours for Beauty. He was also exceeding tame, and behaved himself so friendly with us, that (the Virgin consenting) we released him from his Captivity. 'Tis now reason (began our Virgin) since by your diligence, and our old man's consent, the Bird has attained both his Life, and the highest Perfection, that he be also joyfully Consecrated by us. Herewith she commanded to bring in Dinner, and that we should again refresh our selves, since the most troublesome part of our Work was now over, and it was fit we should begin to enjoy our passed Labours. We began to make our selves merry together. Howbeit we had still all our Mourning Cloaths on, which seemed somewhat reproachful to our Mirth. Nowv the Virgin was perpetually inquisitive, perhaps to find to which of us her future purpose might prove serviceable. But her discourse was for the most part about *masting*; and it pleased her well vvhen any one seemed expert in such compendious Manuals, as do peculiarly commend an Artist. This Dinner lasted not above three

three quarters of an hour, which vve yet for the most part spent with our Bird, vvhom vve were fain constantly to feed with his meat: But he still continued much at the same growth. After Dinner vve vvere not long suffered to digest our Meat; but after that the Virgin together with the Bird was departed from us. The fifth Room was <sup>5. Conclave.</sup> set open to us, whither we got too after the former manner, and tendred our Service. In this Room a Bath was prepared for our Bird, which was so coloured with a fine white Powder, that it had the appearance of meer Milk. Now it was at first cool when the Bird was set into it: He was mighty well pleased with it, drinking of it, and pleasantly sporting in it. But after it began to heat by reason of the Lamps that were placed under it, vve had enough to do to keep him in the Bath, vve therefore clapt a cover on the Kettle, and suffered him to thrust his head out through a hole, till he had in this sort lost all his Feathers in this Bath, and vvas as smooth as a new-born Child, yet the heat did him no further harm, at vvhich I much marvelled; for  
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Avis bal-  
neum.

in this Bath the Feathers were quite consumed, and the Bath vvas thereby tinged into *blew*; at length vve gave the Bird air, vvho of himself sprung out of the Kettle, and was so glitteringly smooth, that it vvas a pleasure to behold it. But because he vvas still somewhat wild, vve were fain to put a collar, with a Chain, about his Neck, and so led him up and down the Room. Meantime a strong Fire vvas made under the Kettle, and the Bath sodden away till it all came to a *blew* Stone, which vve took out, and having first pounded it, vve vv ere afterwards fain to grind it on a Stone, and finally vvith this colour to paint the Bird's whole Skin over: Nowv he lookt much more strangely, for he vvas all *blew*, except the head, vv hich remained *whise*. Herewith our work on this Story too vvas performed; And we (after the Virgin with her *blew* Bird was departed from us) were called up through the hole to the sixth Story; which vvas done too, there we were mightily troubled, for in the midst a little Altar, every way like that in the King's Hall above described, vvas placed. Upon which stood the six fore-mentioned

vincitur.

Balneum  
coquitur in  
lapidem.

6. Conclave.

ed particulars, and he him self (the Bird)  
made the *seventh*. First of all the little  
*Fountain* vvas set before him, out of  
vvhich he drunk a good draught, after-  
vvards he pecked upon the *white Serpent*  
until she bled mightily. This Blood  
vve vvere to receive into a Golden Cup,  
and pour it down the *Birds Throat*,  
vvho vvas mighty averse from it, then  
vve dipt the *Serpents* head in the *Foun-  
tain*, upon vvhich she again revyed, and  
crept into her *Deaths-head*, so that I savv  
her no more for a long time after. Mean  
time the Sphere turned constantly on,  
until it made the desired conjunction.  
Immediately the watch Struck one, upon  
which there was a going another *conjun-  
ction*. Then the Watch struck two. Fin-  
ally, whilst we were observing the third  
conjunction, and the same vvas indica-  
ted by the Watch, the poor Bird of  
himself submissively laid downn his Neck  
upon the Book, and vvillingly suffered  
his Head (by one of us thereto chosen  
by lot) to be *smitten off*. Howbeit he  
yielded not one drop of *Blood*, till he  
vvas opened on the Breast, and then the  
*Blood* spun out so fresh and clear as if it  
had been a Fountain of Rubies. His  
Death

Axis deolla-  
tur.

Avis combu-  
situr.

Jocus.

Death went to the heart of us, and yet  
we might well judge, that a naked Bird  
would stand us in little stead. So we  
let it rest, and removed the little Altar  
away and assisted the Virgin to burn the  
Body (together with the little Tablet  
hanging by) to Ashes, with Fire kind-  
led at the little Taper; afterwards to  
cleanse the same several times, and to  
lay them in a Box of Cypress Wood.  
Here I cannot conceal what a trick I  
and three more were served; After we  
had thus diligently taken up the Ashes,  
The Virgin began to speak thus. *My  
Lords, we are here in the sixth Room, and  
have only one more before us, in which our  
trouble will be at an end, and then we shall  
return home again to our Castle, to awaken  
our most gracious Lords and Ladies. Now  
albeit I could heartily wish, that all of you,  
as you are here together, had behaved your-  
selves in such sort, that I might have given  
you Commendations to our most renowned  
King and Queen, and you have obtained a  
suitable Reward; yet because, contrary to  
my desire, I have found amongst you these  
four (herewith she pointed at me and  
three more) lazy and sluggish Labourers,  
and yet according to my good-will to all and*

every



every one, am not willing to deliver them up to condign punishment ; However, that such Negligence may not remain wholly unpunished, I am purposed thus concerning them, that they shall only be excluded from the future seventh and most Glorious action of all the rest, and so too they shall incur no further blame from their Royal Majesties. In what a case we now were at this Speech, I leave others to consider : For the Virgin so well knew how to keep her countenance, that the Water soon ran over our Baskets, and we esteemed our selves the most unhappy of all men. After this the Virgin by one of her Maids (whereof there were many always at hand) caused the Musicians to be fetcht, who where with Cornets to blow us out of Doors with such scorn and derision, that they themselves could hardly sound for laughing. But it did particularly mightily afflict us that the Virgin so vehemently laughed at our weeping, anger & impatience, and that there might well perhaps be some amongst our Companions who were glad of this our misfortune. But it proved otherwise. For as soon as we were come out at the Door, the Musicians bid us be of good cheere and follow

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Commodant  
ejoco.

low them up the winding Staires; 8. conclave. They led us up to the seventh Floor under the Roof, where we found the *old Man*, whom we had not hitherto seen, standing upon a *little round Furnace*. He received us friendly, and heartily congratulated us, that we were heretofore chosen by the Virgin; but after he understood the affright we had conceived, his belly was ready to burst with Laughing, that we had taken such good Fortune so hainously. Hence said he, My Dear Sons learn, *That Man never knoweth how well God intendeth him.* During this discourse the Virgin also with her little *Box* came running in, who (after she had sufficiently laughed at us) emptied her *Ashes* out into another Vessel, and filled hers again with other matter, saying, she must now go cast a Mist before the other Artists Eyes, that we in the mean time should obey the old Lord in whatsoever he commanded us, and not remit our former diligence. Here- 7. Conclave. with she departed from us into the seventh Room whither she called our Companions. Now what she first did with them there, I cannot tell, for they were not only most earnestly forbidden

Virgo Lucif.  
Iudit cate-  
ros.

to speak of it, but we too by reason of our business, durst not peep on them through the Cieling. But this was our work, we were to *moisten the Ashes* with our fore-prepared *Water* till they became altogether like a very thin Dough. After which we set the matter over the Fire, till it was well *beated*, then we cast it thus hot as it was into two little forms or moulds, and so let it cool a little (here we had leisure to look a while upon our Companions through certain crevices made in the Floor) they were now very busie at a Furnace, & each was himself fain to blow up the Fire with a pipe, and they stood thus blowing about it, as if they were ready to loose their breath. Howbeit, they imagined they were herein wondrously preferred before us. And this blowing lasted so long till our old Man roused us to our work again; So that I cannot say what was done afterwards. We having opened our little forms, there appeared two beautiful bright and almost *Trans-*parent little Images, the like to which Mans Eye never saw, a Male and a Female, each of them only *four* inches long; and that which most mightily

*versus labor  
sub terra.*

*Labor spe-  
rius in  
7. conclusi.*

*Homunculi  
duo.*

surprised me, was, that they were not hard, but limber and fleshy, as other human Bodies, yet had they no Life : So that I do most assuredly believe that the Lady *Venus's* Image was also made after some such way. These Angelically fair Babes we first laid upon two little Sattin Cushonets, and beheld them a good while, till we were almost besotted upon so exquisite an object. The old Lord warned us to forbear, and continually to instill the *Bood* of the Bird (which had been received into a little Golden Cup) drop after drop into the Mouths of the little Images, from whence they apparently to the Eye *encreased*; and whereas they were before very small, they were now (according to proportion) much more beautiful; so that worthily all Limners ought to have been here, and have been ashamed of their Art in respect of these productions of Nature. Now they began to grow so *big*, that we lifted from the little Cushonets, and were fain to lay them upon a long Table, which was covered with white Velvet. The old man also commanded us to cover them over up to the Breast with a piece

Pascentur  
sanguine  
avis.

of fine *white double Taffata*, which because of their unspeakable beauty, almost went against us; but that I may be brief, before we had in this manner quite spent the *Blood*, they were already in their perfect *full growth*, they had Gold-yellow curled Hair, and the above-mentioned figure of *Venus* was nothing to them. But there was not yet any natural warmth, or sensibility in them, they were dead Figures, yet of a lively and natural colour: and since care was to be taken that they grew not too great, the old Man would not permit any thing more to be given them, but quite covered their Faces too with the Silk, and caused the Table to be *stuck* round about with Torches. Here I must warn the Reader that he imagine not these Lights to have been of *necessury*, for the old Man's intent hereby, was only that we should not observe when the *Soul* entred into them, as indeed we should not have taken notice of it, in case I had not twice before seen the *Flames*; However, I permitted the other three to remain in their belief, neither did the old Man know that I had seen any thing more. Here-

Pulcherri-  
mus.

vestiantur.

spectatores  
ludantur.

Description  
recti.

upon he bid us sit down on a Bench over against the Table: presently the Virgin came in too with the Musick and all furniture, and carried two curious white Garments, the like to which I had never seen in the Castle, neither can I describe them, for I thought no other but that they were meer *Christal*, but they were gentle, and not transparent, so that I cannot speak of them: These she laid down upon a Table, and after she had disposed her Virgins upon a Bench round about, she and the old Man began many *Leger-demain* tricks about the Table, which was done only to *Blind* us. This (as I told you) was managed under the *roof*, which was wonderfully formed, for on the inside it was arched into seven Hemispheres, of which the middlemost was somewhat the highest, and had at top a little round hole, which was nevertheless shut, and was observed by none else. After many Ceremonies, stept in six Virgins, each of which bare a large Trumpet, which were rouled about with a green glittering and burning material like a wreath, one of which the old Man took, and after he had removed some

some of the lights at top, and uncovered their Faces, he placed one of the Trumpets upon the *Mouth* of one of the Bodies in such manner, that the upper and wider part of it was directed just against the forementioned hole. Here my Companions always looked upon the Images ; but I had other thoughts ; for as soon as the foliage or wreath about the shank of the Trumpet was kindled, I saw the hole *at top* open, and a bright *stream* of Fire shooting down *the* Tube, and passing into the Body : whereupon the hole was again covered, and the Trumpet removed. With this device my Companions were deluded, so that they imagined that life came into the Image by means of the *Fire* of the foliage, for as soon as he received the *Soul* he twinckled with his Eyes, howbeit he scarce stirred. The second time he placed another Tube upon its Mouth, and kindled it again, and the Soul was let *down* through the Tube. This was repeated upon each of them *three times*, after which all the Lights were extinguished and carried away. The Velvet Carpets of the Table were cast together over them, and immediately a tra-

Ufus tubarum.

(Porte ex caelo veniens)

Homoculi animae translatio transferantur.

villing Bed was unlocked and made ready, into which thus wrapped up they were born, and so after the Carpets were taken off them, they were neatly laid by each other, where with the Curtains drawn before them, they slept a good while. (Now was it also time for the Virgin to see how our other Artists behaved themselves, they were well pleased, because (as the Virgin afterwards informed me) they were to *work in Gold*, which is indeed a piece also of this art, but not the most *Principal*, most necessary, and best: They had indeed too a part of these *Ashes*, so that they imagined no other, but that the whole Bird was provided for the sake of *Gold*, and that life must thereby be restored to the deceased) during which we sat very still, attending when our married couple would awake, thus about half an hour was spent. For then the wanton *Cupid* presented himself again, and, after he had saluted us all, flew to them behind the Curtain, tormenting them so long till they awaked. This happened to them with very great amazement, for they imagined no other but that they had hitherto slept from the very hour  
in

de 7. concl.

Homines  
excitantur  
a cupidine.

Fuerunt.  
illi qui de-  
collabantur.



in which they were beheaded. *Cupid*, after he had awaked them, and renewed their acquaintance one with another, stepped a side a little, and permitted them both somewhat better to *recreis* themselves, mean time playing his tricks with us ; and at length he would needs have the *Musick* fetcht to be somewhat the merrier. Not long after the Virgin her self comes : And after she had most humbly saluted the young King and Queen (who found themselves somewhat faint) and kissed their hands, she brought them the two forementioned curious *Garments*, which they put on, and so stepped forth. Now there were already prepared two very curious *Chaires*, wherein they placed themselves : and so were by us with most profound Reverence congratulated ; for which the King in his own Person most gratically returned his thanks, and again *re-assured* us of all Grace. It was already about five of Clock, wherefore they could make no longer stay, but as soon as ever the chiefeft of their furniture could be laden, we were to attend the young Royal Persons down the winding Stairs, through all Doors  
and

Conjuges  
induant  
vestimenta  
ut se conspi-  
ciendos præ-  
beant.

Conjuges ve-  
huncer trans-  
mare.

and watches unto the Ship, in which they inbarqued themselves, together with certain Virgins, and Cupid, and sailed so mighty swift that we soon lost sight of them, yet they were met (as I was informed) by certain stately Ships; Thus in four Hours time they had made many *Leagues* out at Sea. After five of Clock the Musicians were charged to carry all things back again to the Ships, and to make themselves ready for the Voyage. But because this was somewhat long a doing, the old *Lord* commanded forth a party of his concealed Soldiers, who had hitherto been planted in the Wall, so that we had taken no notice of any of them, whereby I observed that this Tower was well provided against opposition. Now these Soldiers made quick work with our stuff, so that no more remained further to be done, but to go to Supper. Now the Table being compleatly furnished, the Virgin brings us again to our Companions vvhether vve were to carry our selves as if vve had truly been in a Lamentable condition, and forbear laughing. But they vvere alvvays smiling one upon another, how-

Mosick.

Custos senex.

Turris custo-  
dita a militi-  
bus.

Cena. Ho-  
spites de 7.  
et 8. conclavi  
conestantur.

howbeit some of them too sympathized  
 vvith us. At this Supper the old Lord  
 vvas vvith us too, vvho vvas a most  
 sharp Inspector over us: For none could <sup>Custostis in-</sup>  
 propound any thing so discreetly, but <sup>pector.</sup>  
 that he knew how either to confute it,  
 or amend it, or at least to give some  
 good document upon it. I learned most  
 by this Lord, and it vv ere very good  
 that each one would apply himself to  
 him, and take notice of his procedure,  
 for then things would not so often, and  
 so untowardly Miscarry. After we  
 had taken our nocturnal refection, the  
 old Lord led us into his Closets of Ra-  
 rities, which were here and there dis-  
 persed amongst the Bulworks, where <sup>Locustinus</sup>  
 we saw such wonderful productions of <sup>senis.</sup>  
 Nature, and other things too which  
 mans wit in imitation of Nature had  
 invented, that we needed a Year more  
 sufficiently to surveigh them: Thus we  
 spent a good part of the Night by Can-  
 dle-light. At last, because we were  
 more inclined to Sleep than see many  
 Rarities, we were lodged in Rooms in  
 the Wall, where we had not only costly  
 good Beds, but also besides extraordina-  
 ry handsom Chambers, which made  
 us

us the more wonder why we were the day before forced to undergo so many hardships. In this Chamber I had good rest; and being for the most part without care, and weary with continual Labour, the gentle rushing of the Sea helped me to a sound and sweet Sleep, for I continued in one Dream from eleven of Clock till eight in the morning.

Somnium.  
prolixum.

### *The Seventh Day.*

**A**fter eight of clock I awaked, and quickly made my self ready, being desirous to return again into the Tower, but the dark passages in the Wall were so many, and various, that I wandred a good while before I could find the way out. The same happened to the rest too, till at last we all met again in the neather most Vault, and habits intirely yellow were given us, together with our golden Fleeces. At that time the Virgin declared to us that we were Knights of the Golden Stone, of which we were before ignorant. After we had now thus made our selves ready, and taken our Breakfast, the old

Hospites  
deponunt  
vestes lugubres.

Salutantur  
Equites.

old Man presented each of us with a medal of Gold ; on the one side stood these Words,

Donatus  
a lens.

AR. NAT. MI.

Ar. natur  
ministra

On the other these,

TEM. NA. F.

Temporis  
natura filia

Exhorting us moreover we should entreprize nothing beyond and against this token of remembrance. Herewith we went forth to the Sea, where our Ships lay so richly equipped, that it was not well possible but that such brave things must first have been brought thither. The Ships were *twelve in number*, six of ours, and six of the old Lord's, who caused his Ships to be freighted with well appointed Soldiers. But he betook himself, to us, into our Ship, where we all were together; In the first the Musicians Seated themselves, of which the old Lord had also a great number, they sailed before us to shorten the time. Our Flags were the *twelve Celestial Signs*, and we fate in *Libra*; besids other things, our Ship had also a noble and curious Clock, which shewed

Navis i.

Vexilla 12.  
sign.

Navis autem  
ris libra.  
Horolog.

us

us all the *Minutes*. The Sea too was so calm, that it was a singular pleasure to Sail. But that which surpassed all the rest, was the old Man's discourse, who so well knew how to pass away our time with wonderful Histories, that I could have been content to Sail with him all my Life long. Mean time the Ships passed on a main, for before we had sailed two hours the Mariner told us that he already saw the whole Lake almost covered with Ships, by which we could conjecture they were come out to meet us, which also proved true: For as soon, as we were gotten out of the Sea into the Lake by the forementioned River, there presently stood in to us five hundred Ships, one of which sparkled with mere Gold and pretious Stones, in which sate the King and Queen, together with other Lords, Ladies, and Virgins of high Birth. As soon as they were well in Ken of us the pieces were discharged on both sides, and there was such a din of Trumpets, Shalms, and Kettle Drums that all the Ships upon the Sea capered again. Finally, as soon as we came near they brought about our Ships together, and so

Facundia  
sentis.

Obvatio  
ex arce.

500 Naves

Applausus.

so made a stand, Immediately the old *Atlas* stepped forth on the King's behalf, making a short, but handsom oration, wherein he wellcomed us, and demanded whether the Royal Presents were in readiness. The rest of my Companions were in an huge amazement, whence this King should arise, for they imagined no other but that they must again *awaken* him. We suffered them to continue in their wonderment, and carried our selves as if it seemed strange to us too. After *Atlas's* oration out steps our old Man, making somewhat a larger reply, wherein he wished the King and Queen all happiness and increase, after which he delivered up a curious small Casket, but what was in it, I know not; only it was committed to Cupid, who hovered between them both to keep. After the oration was finished, they again let off a joyful Volle of Shot, and so we sailed on a good time together, till at length we arrived at another Shore. This was near the first Gate at which I first entred: At this place again there attended a great Multitude of the King's Family together with some hundreds of Horses

*Atlas oratione excipit hospites.*

*Atlanti respondet senex.*

*Regis conjugibus donum offert Cupido.*

Horfes. Now as soon as we were come to shore, and difembarqued, the King and Queen prefented their Hands to all of us one with another with fingular kindnefs; and fo we were to get up on Horfeback. Here I defire to have the Reader friendly intreated not to interpret the following Narration to any vain glory or pride of mine, but to credit me thus far, that if there had not been a fpecial neceffity in it, I could very well have utterly concealed this honour which was fhewed me. We were all one after another diftributed amongft the Lords. But our *old* Lord, and I moft unworthy, were to ride even with *the* King, each of us bearing a fnow *white* Ensign, with a *Red* Crofs: I indeed was made ufe of becaufe of my Age, for we both had long *grey* Beards, and Hair. I had befides faftened my tokens round about my Hat, of which the young King foon took notice, and demanded if *I* were he, who could at the Gate redeem *the*fe tokens? I answered in moft humble manner, Yea. But he laughed on me, faying, *There henceforth needed no Ceremony; I was HIS Father.* Then he asked me, *Wherewith*

Honor de-  
latus.  
Auctori  
Cum fene  
equitat jux-  
ta Regem.

Yefferas fol  
vit fale et  
aqua.

Pater.



*I had redeemed them ; I replied, with Wa-* Tellers lovitt  
*ter and Salt : whereupon he wondred* salt & aqua.  
*who had made me so wise ; upon which*  
*I grew somewhat more confident, and*  
*recounted unto him how it had happen-*  
*ed to me with my Bread, the Dove, and*  
*the Raven, and he was pleased with it,*  
*and said expresly, That it must needs be,*  
*that God had herein vouchsafed me a sin-*  
*gular happines.* Herewith we came to the  
 first gate where the Porter with the blew  
 Cloaths waited, who bare in his Hand a  
 supplication. Now as soon as he spied  
 me even with the King, he delivered me  
 the *supplication*, most humbly beseeching  
 me to mention his ingenuity towards  
 me before the King : Now in the first  
 place I demanded of the King, what the  
 condition of this Porter was? who friend-  
 ly answered me, *That he was a very famous*  
*and rare Astrologer, and always in high re-*  
*gard with the Lord his Father.* But having  
 on a time committed a fault against Venus,  
 and beheld her in her Bed of rest, This punish-  
 ment was therefore imposed upon him, that he  
 should so long wait at the first Gate, till some  
 one should release him from thence. I repli-  
 ed, may he then be released? Yes, said the  
 King, if any one can be found that bath as  
 M highly

Primus  
 Custos fol.  
 26. quis.  
 Ob visam  
 euerem  
 factus post  
 aitor.

Autor ejus  
 sem delicti  
 reus prodi-  
 tur a portu-  
 tore.

highly transgressed as himself, he must stand in his stead, and the other shall be free. This word went to my Heart, for my Conscience convinced me that I was the offender, yet I held my peace, & herewith delivered the supplication. As soon as he had read it, he was mightily terrified, so that the Queen, who (with our Virgins, and that other Queen besides, of whom I made mention at the hanging of the Weights) rid just behind us observed it, & therefore asked him, what this Letter might signifie. But he had no mind that he should take notice of it, but putting up the Paper, began to discourse of other matters, till thus in about three hours time we came quite to the Castle, where we alighted, and waited upon the King into his forementioned Hall. Immediately the King called for the old *Atlas* to come to him in a little Closet, and shewed him the writing, who made no long tarrying, but rid out again to the Porter to take better Cognizance of the matter. After which the young King with his Spouse, and other Lords, Ladies and Virgins sat down. Then began our Virgin highly to commend the diligence we had used, and the pains

Actus in  
 arce.

Virg Lucif.

pains and labour we had undergone, requesting we might be royally rewarded, and that she henceforward might be permitted to enjoy the benefit of her commission. Then the old Lord stood up too, and attested that all that the Virgin had spoken was true, and that it was but equity that we should on both both parts be contented. Hereupon we were to step out a little; and it was concluded that each man should make some possible wish, and accordingly obtain it; for it was not to be doubted, but that those of *understanding* would also make the *best* wish: So we were to consider of it till after Supper. Mean time the King and Queen for recreation's sake, began to fall to play together. It looked not unlike Chess, only it had other Laws; for it was the *Vertues* and *Vices* one against another, where it might ingeniously be observed with what Plots the *Vices* lay in wait for the *Vertues*, and how to re-encounter them again. This was so properly and artificially performed, that it were to be wished, that we had the like game too. During the game, in comes *Atlas* again, and makes his re-

Ludus Re-  
gis cura Rex  
gial.

Artificiosus

Supplicatio  
portitoris  
traditum  
Auroi.

port in private, yet I blushed all over. For my Conscience gave me no rest; after which the King presented me the Supplication to read, the Contents whereof were much to this purpose: First he wished the King prosperity, and increase; that his seed might be spread abroad far and wide: Afterwards he remonstrated that the time was now accomplished, wherein according to the Royal promise he ought to be released. Because *Venus* was already uncovered by one of his Guests, for his observations could not lie to him. And that if his Majesty would please to make a strict and diligent enquiry, he would find that she had been uncovered, and in case this should not prove so to be, he would be content to remain before the Gate all days of his life. Then he sued in the most humble manner, that upon peril of Body and Life he might be permitted to be present at this Nights supper, he was in good hopes to spy out the very Offendor, and obtain his wished freedom. This was expressely and handsomly indicted, by which I could well perceive his ingenuity, but it was too sharp

sharp for me, and I could well have endured never to have seen it. Now I was casting in my mind whether he might perchance be helped through my wish, so I asked the King, whether he might not be released some other way? No, replied the King, because there is a special consideration in the business. However, for this Night, we may well gratifie him in his desire, so he sent one forth to fetch him in. Mean time the Tables were prepared in a spacious Room, in which we had never been before, which was so compleat, and in such manner contrived, that it is not possible for me only to begin to describe it. Into this we were conducted with singular Pomp, and Ceremonie. Cupid was not at this time present. For (as I was informed) the disgrace which had happened to his Mother, had somewhat angered him. In brief, my offence, and the Supplication which was delivered were an occasion of much sadness, for the King was in perplexity how to make inquisition amongst his Guests, and the more because thus even they too, who were yet ignorant of the matter, would come to the knowledge

Triclinium  
preciosiss.  
mum.

Cupido iratus  
ob Venerem vilam  
ab autore.

Etiā Rex  
condoleo.

*Lætitia dis-  
cumben-  
tium.*

of it. So he caused the Porter himself, who was already come, to make his strict surveigh, and shewed himself as pleasant as he was able. Howbeit at length they began again to be merry, and to bespeak one another with all sorts of recreative and profitable discourses. Now how the treatment and other Ceremonies were then performed, it is not necessary to declare, since it is neither the Reader's concern, nor serviceable to my design. But all exceeded more in art, and human invention, than that we were overcharged with drinking. And this was the last, and noblest Meal at which I was present. After the Bancket the Tables were suddainly taken away, and certain curious Chairs placed round about in circle, in which we together with the King, and Queen, both their old Men, the Ladies and Virgins, were to sit. After which a very handsom Page opened the abovementioned glorious little Book, when *Atlas* immediately placing himself in the midst, began to bespeak us to the ensuing purpose. That his Royal Majesty had not yet committed to oblivion the service we had done him,

*Post eam  
obligantur  
equires le-  
gibus suis.*

him, and how carefully we had attended our duty, and therefore by way of retribution had elected all and each of us Knights of the Golden Stone. That it was therefore further necessary not only once again to oblige our selves towards his Royal Majesty, but to vow too upon the following Articles, and then his Royal Majesty would likewise know how to behave himself towards his liege People. Upon which he caused the Page to read over the Articles: which were these.

I. You my Lords the Knights, shall swear, that you shall at no time ascribe your order either unto any *Devil*, or Spirit, but only to God your *Creator*, and his hand-maid *Nature*.

II. That you will Abominate all Whoredom, Incontinency and Uncleaness, and not defile your order with such Vices.

III. That you through your Talents will be ready to assist all that are worthy, and have need of them.

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IV. That you desire not to employ this honour to wordly Pride and high Authority.

V. That you shall not be willing to live longer than God will have you.

Privilegia.

At this last Article we could not choose but laugh sufficiently, and it may well have been placed after the rest, only for a conceit. Now being to vow to them all by the King's Scepter, we were afterwards with the usual Ceremonies installed Knights, and amongst other Priviledges set over *Ignorance, Poverty, and Sickness*; to handle them at our pleasure. And this was afterwards ratified in a little Chappel (whither we were conducted in all Procession) and thanks returned to God for it. Where I also at that time to the honour of God hung up my Golden Fleece and Hat, and left them there for an eternal memorial. And because every one was there to write his Name. I writ thus;



*Summa Scientia nihil Scire.*

**FR. CHRISTIANUS ROSENCREUTS.**

*Eques aurei Lapidis.*

*Anno. 1459.*

Others writ otherwise, and truly each  
as seemed him good. After which we  
were again brought into the Hall,  
where being late down, we were ad-  
monished quickly to bethink our selves  
what every one would wish. But the  
King and his party retired into a little  
Closet, there to give audience to our  
wishes. Now each man was called in  
severally, so that I cannot speak of any  
man's proper wish, I thought nothing  
could be more praise-worthy than in  
honour of my order to demonstrate  
some laudable vertue. And found too  
that none at present could be more  
famous, and cost me more Trouble than  
*Gratitude*. Wherefore not regarding  
that I might well have wished some-  
what more dear and agreeable to my  
self, I vanquished my self, and conclud-  
ed, even with my own peril, to free the  
Porter my Benefactor. Wherefore be-  
ing

*am possi-  
bilitate de-  
positioes*

*Autor op-  
tate libera-  
tionem por-  
titoris e  
gratitudine*

ing now called in, I was first of all demanded, whether, having read the supplication, I had observed, or suspected nothing concerning the offender ? upon which I began undauntedly to relate how all the business had passed. How through Ignorance I fell into that mistake, and so offered my self to undergo all that I had thereby demerited. The King, and the rest of the Lords wondered mightily at so un-hoped for confession, and so wished me to step aside a little. Now as soon as I was called for in again, *Atlas* declared to me, that although it were grievous to the King's Majesty, that I whom he loved above others, was fallen into such a mischance, yet because it was not possible for him to Transgress his ancient usages, he knew not how else to absolve me, but that the other must be at Liberty, and I placed in his stead, yet he would hope that some other would soon be apprehended, that so I might be able to go home again. However, no release was to be hoped for, till the Marriage Feast of his future Son. This Sentence had near cost me  
my

*Autor reus  
confitem.*

*Audit sen.  
sententiam.*

my life, and I first hated my self and my twatling Tongue, in that I could not hold my peace, yet at last I took courage, and because I considered there was no remedy, I related how this Porter had bestowed a token on me, and commended me to the other, by whose assistance I stood upon the Scale, and so was made partaker of all the honour and joy already received. And therefore now it was but equal that I should shew my self grateful to my Benefactor : and because the same could no way else be done, I returned thanks for the sentence, and was willing gladly to sustain some inconvenience for his sake, who had been helpful to me in coming to so high place. But if by my wish any thing might be effected, I wished my self at home again, and that so he by me, and I by my wish might be at Liberty. Answer was made me, that the wishing stretched not so far. However I might well wish him free. Yet it was very pleasing to his Royal Majesty, that I had behaved my self so generously herein, but he

was

Laus beneficij portitoris.

**Laudatur &  
Rege.**

**Reliqui læti  
prædunt.**

**Autor me-  
lancholus.**

**Spec.**

**Metus.**

**Solatium.**

was affraid I might still be ignorant, into what a miserable condition I had plunged my self through this my curiosity. Hereupon the good man was pronounced free, and I with a sad heart was fain to step aside. After me the rest were called for too, who came jocundly out again, which was still more to my smart; for I imagined no other, but that I must finish my life under the Gate. I had also many pensive thoughts running up and down in my Head, what I should yet undertake, and wherewith to spend the time, at length I considered that I was now old, and according to the course of nature, had few years more to live: And that this anguish and melancholy Life would easily dispatch me, and then my door-keeping would be at an end: And that by a most happy Sleep I might quickly bring my self into the Grave. I had fundry of these thoughts. Sometimes it vexed me that I had seen such galant things, and must be robbed of them. Sometimes it rejoyced me that yet before my end I had been accepted to  
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alljoy, and should not be forced so  
 shamefully to depart. Thus this was  
 the last and worst shock that I sustained:  
 During these my Cogitations the rest  
 were ready. Wherefore after they  
 had received a good night from the  
 King and Lords, each one was conducted  
 into his Lodging. But I most wretched  
 Man had no body to shew me the way,  
 and yet must moreover suffer my self  
 to be tormented, and that I might be  
 certain of my future function, I was  
 fain to put on the Ring, which the  
 other had before worn. Finally, the  
 King exhorted me, that since this was  
 now the last time I was like to see him  
 in this manner: I should however be-  
 have my self according to my place,  
 and not against the order: Upon  
 which he took me also in his Arms, and  
 kissed me, all which I so understood,  
 as if in the morning I must sit at my  
 Gate. Now after they had all a while  
 spoken friendly to me, and at last pre-  
 sented their Hands, committing me to  
 the divine protection: I was by both  
 the old Men, the Lord of the Tower,  
 and *Atlas* conducted into a glorious  
 Lodging

Autor des  
 cipit Annus  
 lum.

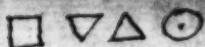
Autor des

Fit tum At-  
lante et lene  
autode  
Turgis

Lodging, in vvhich stood three Beds,  
and each of us lay in one of them, where  
we yet spent almost two, &c.

Here are wanting about two Leaves in  
quarto, and he (the Author hereof)  
whereas he imagined he must in the  
morning be Door-Keeper, returned  
home.

**FINIS.**



## ERRATA.

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